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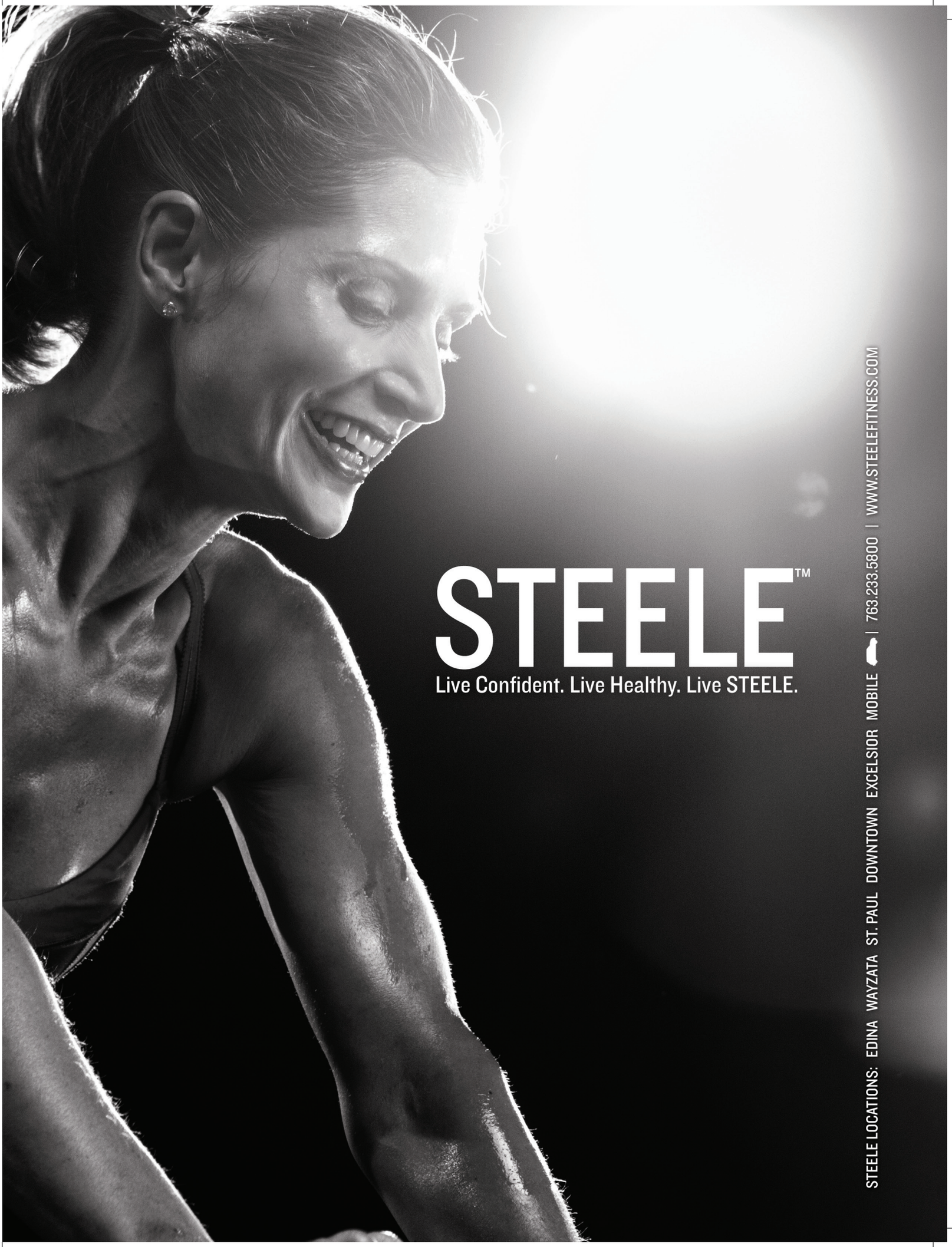
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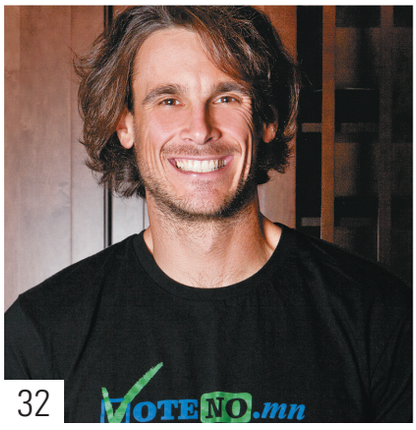
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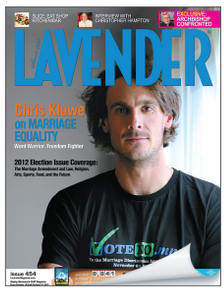
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FROM THE EDITOR | Andy Lien

WHEN I was in high school, I was called "The Bulldog" by a real-life judge on the Mock Trial circuit. I loved to debate. I would wail on and pick at your arguments until they were annihilated. It was a rush. I was good at it.

One of the bigger arguments I can recall was when I took a resolution that I wrote for my 9th grade Civics class to the School Board and requested that condom machines be installed in our bathrooms. That was a little progressive for our conservative school district circa 1991, but I felt vindicated when I got to Macalester four years later and they were giving them out in candy dishes in the campus health center.

Condoms for high schoolers was a shocking concept. I don't recall being taken seriously at the School Board meeting, but I do remember being allowed to state my case. I have to give the school credit for that—not only did my class vote this case to be the one to be presented to the School Board, but the School Board didn't censor the presentation. Kudos all around.

The request for condom machines was denied. Providing condoms would lead to more teenagers having sex.

Would it? No, it would not. That's fallacious. Teenagers are already having sex; therefore, it would give them the safety measures that are necessary to do so safely. Making condoms available doesn't force or encourage someone to have sex—or even use them if they are having sex. That was a preposterous argument, in my mind. I didn't want to see even an iota of validity in it, because I wanted to win my case.

Putting a bowl of candy on the table doesn't mean more people will eat them and gain weight; it means more people can have candy. Putting Bibles in drawers at hotels doesn't mean people will have to convert to whatever religion the Gideons are part of; it means that you can look at a Bible if you're bored or curious in your hotel room. Putting bright green bikes out for rental on city streets doesn't mean that we'll all be forced to exercise and give up our vehicles; it means that you have a healthier option for transportation.

There are plenty such arguments like this that the 15-year old Andy could make. All day long. Until your ears bleed.

But, the 35-year old Andy has caught on to the validity of the School Board's point. Presenting an idea or option can be seen as endorsing it.

Allowing kids to take condoms is a stark contrast to condemning underage, premarital sex. By not condemning teen sex, it implies that it can exist–it might be saying that it's okay. You won't go to hell. Shockingly, nothing at all might happen to you (especially if you use the condoms).

Is that how it works for coming out or approving same-sex rights and marriages? By not condemning same-sex relationships, it implies that this community can exist—it might be saying that it's okay. People who are attracted to people of the same-sex won't go to hell. Shockingly, nothing at all might happen to you.

Where the two arguments depart is in the next step: encouragement. Providing condoms for kids might encourage them to have sex: Not true. Acceptance might not mean encouragement. Providing rights for people in same-sex relationships might encourage them to come out: True.

Right?

I hope so.

It's like a problem posed in a Philosophy course. Ethics, morals, dichotomies…a whole lot of grey area and conjecture. I don't necessarily hope that teenagers see a bowl of condoms as an encouragement to go have sex…but I hope that people who have been in the closet see acceptance of the GLBT community as an encouragement to come out. The difference is that one argument might lead to an action; having sex. The other argument might lead to the recognition of an identity; coming out as GLBT.

Teen sex is nothing new. Same-sex relationships aren't new either, but with some people, it seems like they just sprang to the fore. And the subject is scary to those people because it's unknown. One of the many problems with this situation is that despite how long same-sex relationships have existed, people who are new to the concept are being allowed to vote on the subject. They have followed the argument to the point that to allow these relationships could encourage them, but haven't made the next step to see that coming out is good. They don't understand that encouraging people to claim their identity is healthy and it benefits our culture. They're mired in fear.

And, because they are afraid, they seek a fallacy of protection:

Put an amendment in the constitution limiting marriage to one man and one woman. Tell the parishioners that their eternal salvation is at risk if they don't stop seeking equal marriage rights for same-sex couples–bully them into choosing this legislation on their ballots when they exercise their right to vote. By not allowing it, it won't exist.

Really, "The Bulldog" might not be in retirement. 35 is a little young for that. But, I appreciate that age has given me more perspective to be able to have more conversations than arguments. Whether calmly or with a bite of debate, people need to be told the basics: There is a separation between church and state; this will not affect heterosexual marriages; accepting homosexuals will not turn you into one. And, really, bullies need to be called out on their shit.

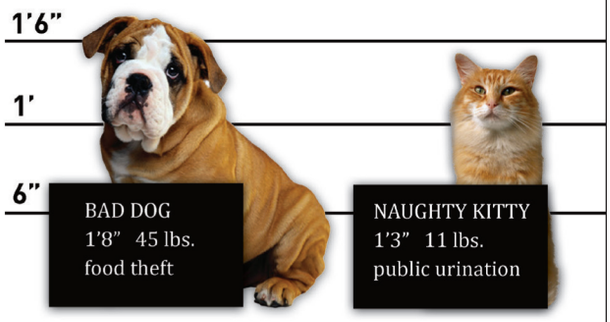
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THIS IS the penultimate *Edgewise* devoted to conversations concerning voting NO on the marriage amendment question November 6 ballot.

The more the YES contingent presses its religious arguments, the more imperative it is to see that religion is not a valid reason for deciding what is actually a civil rights issue. Marriage is a civil right, and was so determined in 1967 by the United States Supreme Court in Loving v. Virginia.

Mildred and Richard Loving, a mixed-race couple legally married in Washington, DC, were convicted of miscegenation in the Commonwealth of Virginia where such a marriage was illegal. At their trial in 1959, presiding judge Leon M. Bazile intoned:

"Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with his arrangement there would be no cause for such marriages. The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix."

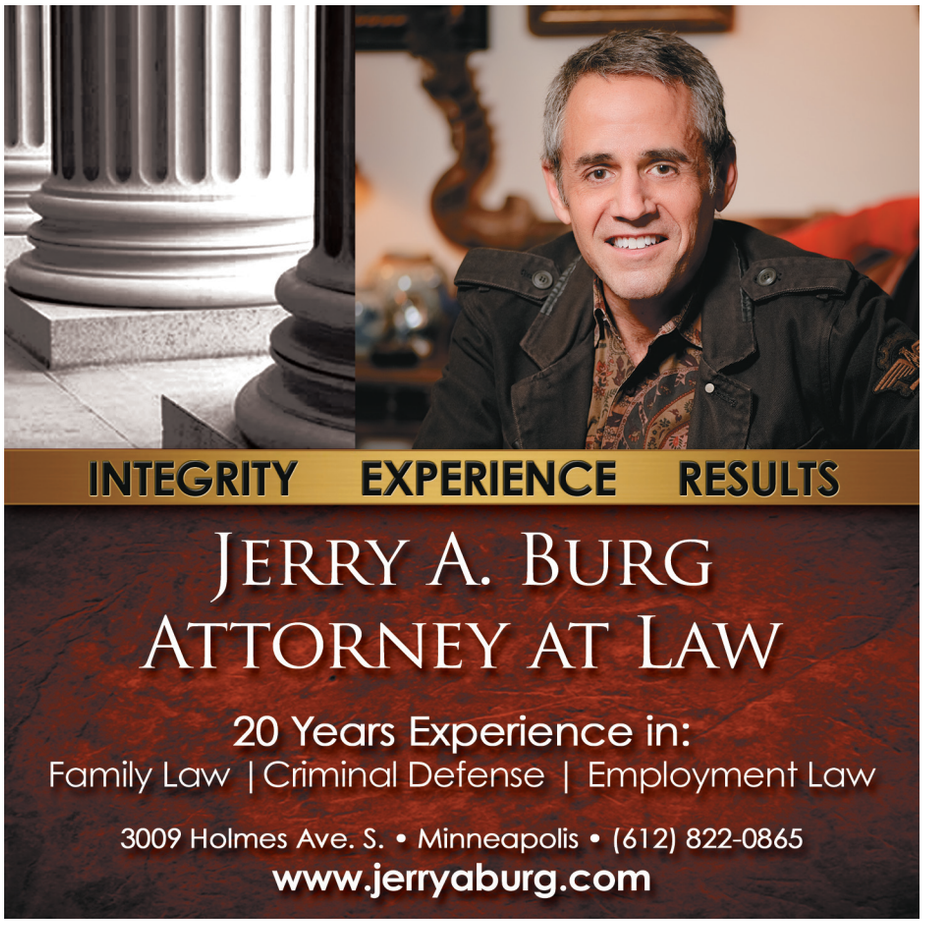
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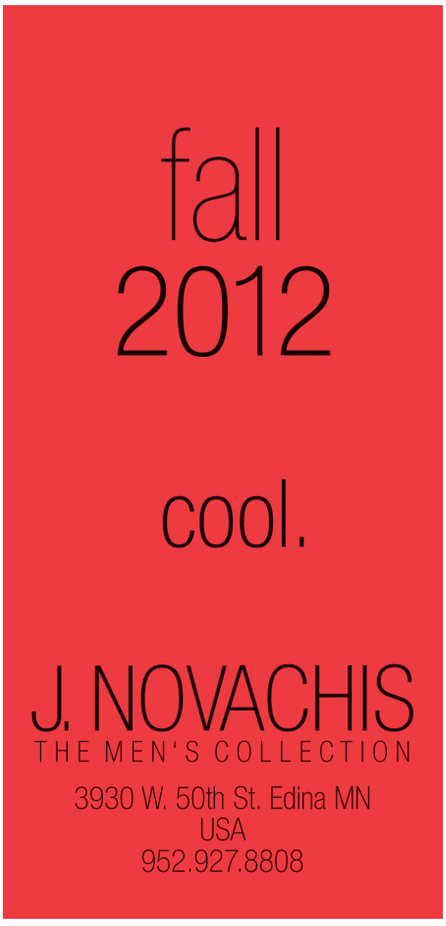
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This is the point that needs to be brought home in today's religiously charged pronouncements: All Minnesota citizens are entitled have the same rights under the law–not according to someone's religious views.

Interestingly enough, in the months before the 1967 Supreme Court ruling, a number of churches, including the Roman Catholic Church, showed support for interracial couples. It could be the same today. No church will have to marry a same-sex couple nor will any individual have to marry a partner of the same sex. A NO vote will not change this; it will simply be refusing to write discrimination against gays and lesbians directly into our state constitution.

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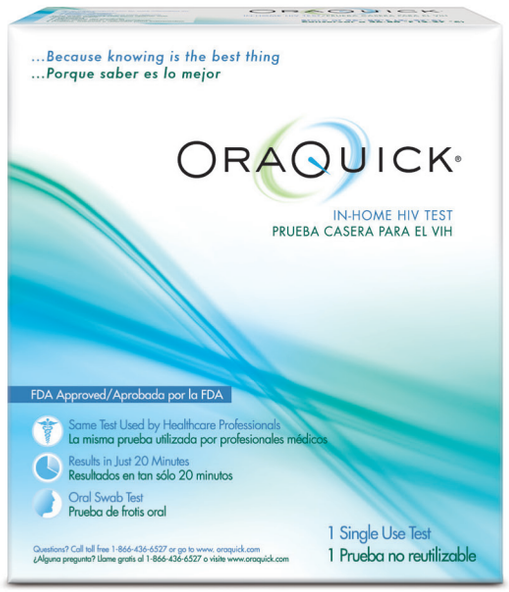



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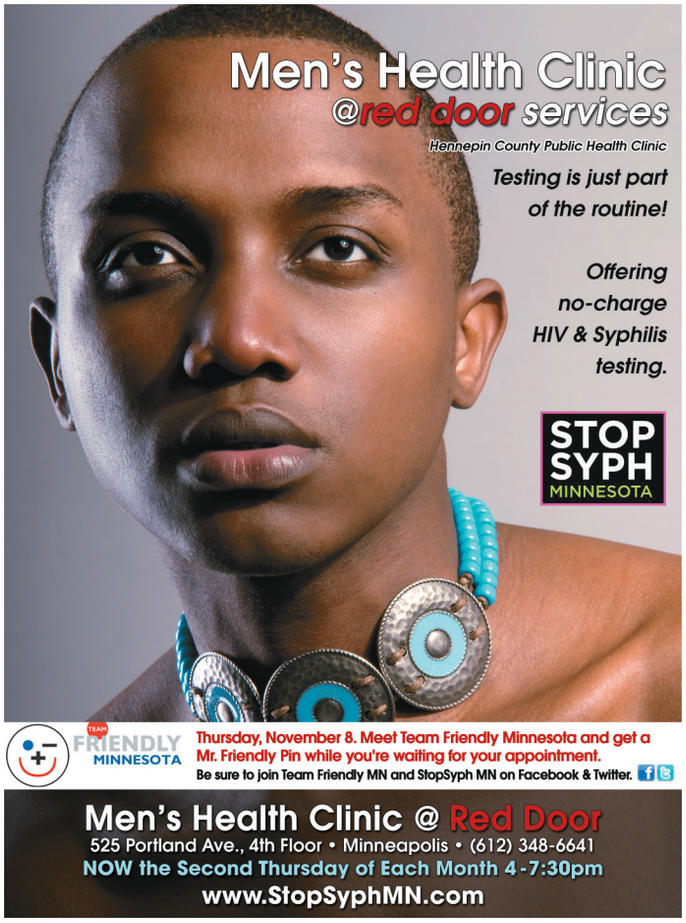

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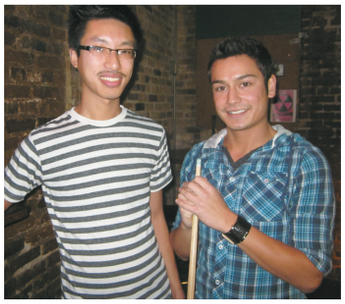
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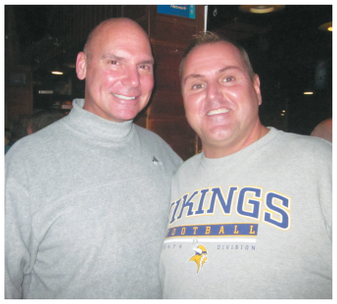
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GUTHRIE'S 50TH SEASON LAUNCH: *TALES FROM HOLLYWOOD*

Through Oct. 29
Guthrie Theater, 818 So. 2nd St., Guthrie Theater
(612) 377-2224
www.guthrietheater.org

The Guthrie Theater launches its 50th season with a celebration of British playwright Christopher Hampton. His fascinating 1983 comedy muses on a conflict that theater and film artists so often wrestle with: dramatic and cinematic art versus commercialism. As with many Hampton scripts, it's marvelously historical. Anyone interested in ramifications of Nazism beyond the typical American battles cult that so many people have reduced that period to will be thankful to Hampton for taking this on.

Tales From Hollywood concerns writers who fled Hitler's Germany and thence navigated Hollywood's sternly hierarchic studio system from the late 1930s to the post-war years when McCarthyism was wielding its tyrannical club at Tinsel Town. Thomas and Heinrich Mann and a rather cartoonish live version of Bertolt Brecht are part of this rather episodic dark comedy. Hampton, intentionally, doesn't develop the characters as fully as those in his plays *Dangerous Liasons* and *Total Eclipse* or his *Atonement* and *Carrington* screenplays. Yet he gives us a lusciously free-flowing view of the era. *Tales* is directed with sensitivity by Ethan McSweeney, and there's a magnetic performance by Keir Dullea (*2001: A Space Odyssey*) as Heinrich Mann. Jason H. Thompson's projections distract at times with images of what's actually being played on stage. At other times projections capture the period effectively.



Engaged. Photo by Kim Pettengil

ENGAGED

Through Oct. 27
Cedar Riverside People's Center, 425-20th Av., Mpls.
www.boomtheater.org

In recent years, 30-year-old playwright Gemma Irish has impressed Minnesota Fringe Festival-goers with *Yvette* and *Even Yours*. An original and unafraid thinker on issues of sexuality, her latest premieres as staged by the new BOOM! Theater troupe. Titled *Engaged*, it follows what happens when a gay male couple attempts to raise awareness among friends about the impending marriage amendment vote. Irish shares, "I wanted to explore the internal versus the external. What does it mean that the government has an opinion on whom I'm in love with? How do I reconcile my private life with my civic life?"

Irish and her fellow BOOM! co-founder, actor Patrick Kozicky, wanted to weigh in on the controversy and got their friend, accomplished actor Joe Bombard, to play opposite Kozicky as the play's central male couple. Bombard says, "at its heart, *Engaged* is a relationship play. We dispel any myths that same-sex relationships are any different than heterosexual relationships. Both have ups and downs, triumphs and struggles, consensus and dissent. The difference is in the politics."

Kozicky says Irish considers "a discussion between *why* we should get married, instead of why we should be *allowed* to be married. This play takes on both conversations." Director Christine Karki adds, "the three couples in the story are all in 'non-traditional' relationships, which adds yet another layer of complication."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WANDA JUNE

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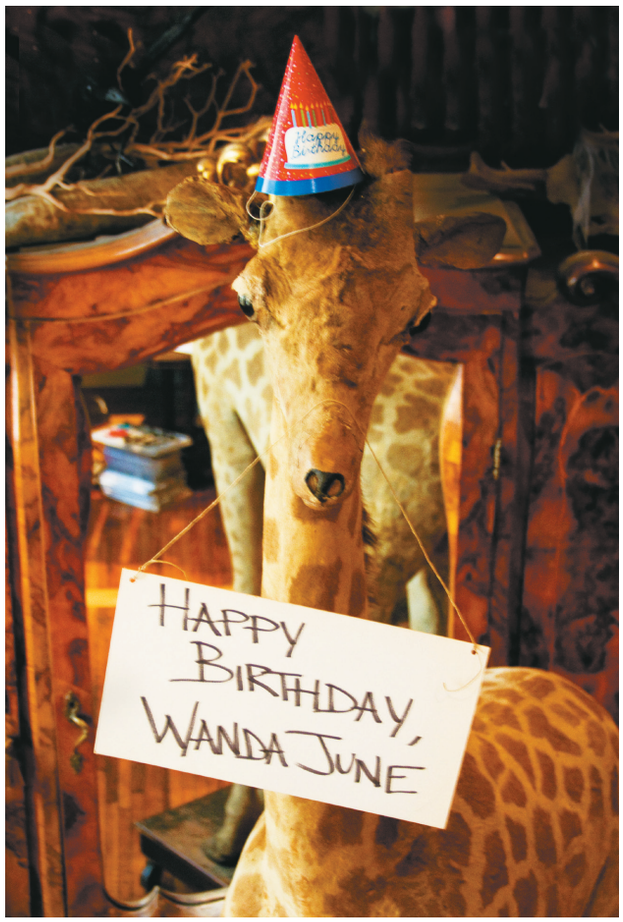
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Happy Birthday, Wanda June. Photo by Josh Cragun

Nimbus Theatre. They often produce important plays that are too controversial for the 'Big Boys' like Albee's *The Goat* or gems which have fallen off the radar like their current production of Kurt Vonnegut's seldomly produced, but critically acclaimed, *Happy Birthday, Wanda June*. When you see a Nimbus show, your intellect is always engaged. That in itself is a revolutionary act nowadays.

Heterosexual Vonnegut (1922-2007) was a formidable critic and satirist of 20th century American life and politics. Like his non-heterosexual contemporary, the great, late Gore Vidal, he raged against the National Security State, and in *Wanda June*, Vonnegut's views on masculinity are fiercely put forth.

Kevin Carnahan, plays the war hero—big game hunter, Harold Ryan. He says, "Ryan indulges in a kind of machismo that's mostly about dominance and privilege. He's a reactionary. He's narcissistic, violent, and borderline sociopathic. He sees himself at the top of the food chain. He's cut off from his better feelings and sense of humanity. In the play, he finds himself unfit to function in a civilized society." To quote from the play, "Man as he was meant to be: a vengeful ape who murders. He will soon be extinct. It's time; it's time."

MERONYMY
Through Oct. 28
Red Eye Theater, 15 W. 14th St., Mpls.
(612) 870-0309
www.redeyetheater.org

Five cast members—four female, one male—have character names like Etymology and Jargon in Rachel Jendrzejewsi's play. She says, "they're not people, *per se*, they're performers embodying layers and layers of images, ideas, actions, histories, and possibilities. But of course, before our eyes, we're still seeing human beings and very likely making judgments about their gender, orientation, relationships to each other, etc.—particularly in this piece, as each 'character' slips in and out of recognizable behavior. People like to make meaning, and most of us have pretty ingrained ways of doing so. In the script, I've stated that any of the roles can be played by performers of any gender and any background. But I'm very aware that different configurations of people could conjure very different interpretations of the play for different audiences."

In director Steve Busa's staging, the four female performers exist "inside the house" while the single male performer exists "outside the house." Jendrzejewski questions our sense of the what she calls "the binary: Inside v. Outside. Individual v. Collective. Mind v. Body."

'8'
Mon., Oct. 29 at 7:30 pm
Varsity Theater, 1308 Fourth St. SE, Mpls.
(651) 330-6852
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Playwright Dustin Lance Black dramatizes actual courtroom testimony and interviews from the Federal District Court trial of Perry v. Schwarzenegger (now Perry v. Brown), the case to overturn Proposition 8 in California, which stripped same-sex couples of the right to marry. Peter Rothstein directs this benefit for Minnesotans United For All Families, and some of the region's top actors and media personalities are donating their talent are: Sally Wingert, Linda Kelsey, Don Shelby, Jennifer Blagen, Brian Skellenger, Shawn Hamilton, Tod Petersen, and Beth Gilleland.

Producer Michelle Pett points out that "it was only once I started casting that I realized I was tapping into the desire by many mid-career artists to take a public stand in support of same-sex marriage. We're all deeply invested in this community and this state. It's where we've built our careers, our relationships, our families, our homes."

Peter Rothstein directed perhaps the Guthrie's greatest production ever of a queer play, *M. Butterfly* in 2010. Dustin Lance Black is beloved for his *Milk* screenplay (2008). □

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AN INTERVIEW WITH THE POST-SEXUAL REVOLUTION'S EMBLEMATIC PLAYWRIGHT, CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON, NOW BEING CELEBRATED BY THE GUTHRIE THEATER

THE CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON Celebration at the Guthrie is a must-see for anyone interested in sexuality and gender. When you see the productions of *Appomattox*, *Tales From Hollywood*, and *Embers*, you will surely be struck by the way we think of the human body and its presentation—how that changes because of historical time and location. For instance, in *Appomattox* the contrast between the way Americans moved in the 1860s and the 1960s is amazing. But Hampton's consciousness about that stems in part from the fact that he has written some of the most penetrating plays and screenplays about sexuality, including two of Great Britain's foundational 'gay plays' in the years soon after British film director Basil Dearden's landmark gay-themed film, *Victim*, which made an impression on Hampton.

In the 1960s, Hampton penned two bold gay-themed plays when it was still considered obscene by a critical mass of the population: *When Did You Last See My Mother?*, and *Total Eclipse*, a drama about the turbulent intergenerational relationship between poets Paul Verlaine and Arthur Rimbaud. His 1988 screenplay from his Tony-nominated play, *Dangerous Liasons*, won him the Oscar, and the film should have won Best Picture. In 1995, Hampton directed and wrote *Carrington*, starring Emma Thompson. It transgressed with notions of monogamy and bisexuality. He was Oscar-nominated for 2007's *Atonement*; he was robbed of it (screenplay) as well as the film being robbed of the Best Picture Award over the apocalyptically sensationalistic *No Country For Old Men*. (The Cohen Brothers are geniuses, but the precious media slaver around that film was grotesque.) *Atonement* looms as one of the greatest pictures ever made about the tragic consequences of false accusation of child molestation. Last year, his electrifying screenplay for *A Dangerous Method* astonished with bold speculation on erotic desires of Freud, Jung, and the woman they coveted.

I spoke with Hampton about his early gay-themed plays. With *When Did You Last See My Mother,* he became the youngest playwright to have a show on the West End, London's equivalent of Broadway. And *Total Eclipse* is a raw look at homosexual desire.

JT: You wrote *When Did You Last See My Mother?* in 1964 when you were 18. And it played at London's Royal Court Theater. Tell me about that.

CH: It was a very, I suppose, provocative play because I was young and I wanted to be provocative. It was written rather casually and quickly and because I'd never written a play before, and I had no reason to suppose that anyone would ever do it. I eventually managed to get it done at Oxford, and I acted in it myself, student cast. And that's how it got noticed and picked up and eventually made it to the Royal Court and the West End in '66. Sometime in the '70s I sort of was embarrassed by the play—not for any content reasons, but because it just seemed crude to me and I thought that I'd got better and moved on; And so I didn't republish it, and I didn't allow it to be performed for 30 years. And then a couple of years ago, this young woman called Blanche McIntyre, a very promising young director, came to me and said she would like to do it. I said, oh my God, no. And she was very persuasive and in the end I said, oh you can do it.

So it was revived in London about 18 months ago and for the first time in 35 years. It had been so long since I had seen the play or thought about it that, in rehearsals, I couldn't actually quite remember what was going to happen in the next scene. The play was very, very well received again *and* I realized something about it. And of course, I didn't realize it at the time: it's very, very much of its time, and it's a play which is rooted in the attitudes of the '50s, except there's this central character, who looking back on it—he's confused. He's conflicted and he's fighting people and he's confused about his sexuality and all that. But he's the '60s. He's sort of the '60s emerging.

JT: That's the Ian character?

CH: Yeah.

JT: Do you see yourself in Ian?

CH: Oh yeah. But really the part was written for me. At that stage, I wanted to be an actor. So I wrote myself a great showy part. I played it, and when we came to do it in London at the Royal Court, they found an actor called Victor Henry who was spectacular. It made his career. He had a very short career because he died in a hit and run car accident in his 30s. But it made his career and it made the play. The reviews of the play, when it first came out, were full of stuff about Victor being the most exciting new actor since Albert Finney and so on and so forth. Actually, it was when I saw Victor do this play that I thought, move on from acting. Leave, it to people who know how to do it.

JT: And after that was *Total Eclipse*.

CH: That was the play I wanted to write when I was 16. *When Did You Last See My Mother?* was sort of a dry run for *Total Eclipse*. I wrote *Total Eclipse* in 1967, mostly in Paris where I had taken a year out of university to improve my German. But I only lasted six weeks in Germany. I hated it and so I hitched a ride to Paris and kept myself in a variety of odd jobs for a few months while writing the play. It was put on by the Royal Court in 1968. It was a confusing experience because I knew the play was better than *When Did You Last See My Mother?* It was really substantially better. And where *When Did You Last See My Mother?* had been ecstatically received by the critics, *Total Eclipse* was unanimously hated by the critics. I was very, very puzzled by this. It took me along time to get my head around it. As it turned out, *Total Eclipse* is probably the most performed of all my plays now. □

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MUSIC | Ed Huyck

THE XX *Coexist*



Just in time for autumn comes this cool, cool collection of electronic pop, where the bright and garish sounds of the summer are left behind for something more subtle and substantial. It's not like the XX were all that broad and loud on their self-titled debut, but *Coexist* engages the quiet between the notes and the beats, making a virtue out of its quiet. It's a technique that is tricky, but can reap pretty amazing rewards, which happens from beginning to end here. It helps that the hooks are present and quickly dig into the brain. Unexpected touches—like a melodic steel-drum line on "Reunion"—bring this out, while the dueling male and female vocals help to raise the tension without raising the volume.

DAVID BYRNE AND ST. VINCENT *Love this Giant*



Byrne and the Talking Heads are on the brain right now. Along with this, the artist has issued a book about music and done a lecture and performance tour. (Fans of the other Heads take note: The Tom Tom Club has a new EP out as well.) Musically, the album continues the decades-long journey Byrne has made through world music, in this case focusing on writing songs around an ever-present brass section. It echoes his classic New-Orleans-infused songs written for The Knee Plays. St. Vincent—singer Annie Clark—does more than add some color to the proceedings. The two singers shared in the songwriting and merge their styles quite well, making for a bright, easy-to-digest sound quite unique on today's stage.

BOB MOULD *Silver Age*



As the first album since his autobiography cleared the emotional decks for a fresh musical start, this one owes a lot to the classic sounds he recorded with Sugar two decades ago. (No surprise that his current tour features straight-through performances of this and Sugar's *Copper Blue*.) The songs are tight and bright, with Mould's traditional buzz saw guitars adding weight and his voice clear-cutting across the mix. Mould isn't the kid we heard in Hüsker Dü or even the troubled troubadour from his numerous solo records. Instead, this is a highly skilled musician who has finally found some of the happiness he has wanted. That sounds like death for someone who has worked angry, but Mould's skills means this is just a new musical chapter.

AMANDA PALMER *Theatre is Evil*



This album is famous—or infamous, depending on your side—for being funded by a Kickstarter campaign that netted more than 10 times the expected amount. That led to plenty of hyper-limited editions for contributors, though it can also be downloaded for free at Palmer's Bandcamp site. Of course, the real question is: what's the music like? Pretty much like the sounds she first explored in the Dresden Dolls and then as a solo artist. Lots of musical influences, from folk to Brecht-influenced cabaret, flitter across the sound waves of the album. Palmer has never been one to stand still, from the opening keyboard crush of "Smile" and "Do it with a Rock Star" to the seesawing strings of the Captain Beefheart-quoting "Trout Heart Replica."





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Then comes the downside, just don't expect to have the kind of restaurants you've come to love to exist out there. In the land of plenty, there are a lot of sports bars. The strip malls are dominated by chains who consider frying and microwaving the best food delivery system.

From Plymouth emerges a new restaurant, Eat Shop. They halved the size of the freezer and put in a cooktop. (When they arrived, the only way to cook the food was in the fry-o-lator.) From inside this kitchen comes chef-driven, scratch cooking. Everything about their approach is straightforward.

The space is large with little touches of whimsy. There's a silhouette of a pig with a balloon tied around his middle (the name of the group running the restaurant is Flying Swine) above one large corner booth, stacks of wine bottles, and a trail of mismatched plates adorning the wall next to the kitchen. There is also a screen stretched over part of the dining room playing a loop of food movies and classic Julia Child episodes.

The team behind this new venture has extensive experience in the restaurant business, balanced with the fresh enthusiasm of doing it all for themselves for the first time.

The team that put this place together includes the culinary forces of Chef Jeff Anderson as well as Michael Larson. Larson began working with Parasole (the local company that owns Chino Latino, Manny's, Muffaletta, Cafeteria, among others) when he was just nineteen. He stayed with them for 25 years until he decided he was ready to go out on his own.

When asked how he got into the culinary business, he shared a story about working in Hugo at Paul's Pizza. When a tornado ripped through the area, he found himself working overtime, trying to keep up with the tide of orders as they roared in one after another. He said it was just one of those moments when, while riding his bike home, he realized he was really good at this. Then he quipped, "Also, [on "Three's Company"] Jack Tripper was a chef, and he was living with these two hot chicks."

His path was not dissimilar to Jeff Anderson, whose first job was also at a pizza joint—the two even went to the same high





Bar Area; Chef Jeff Anderson; Scallops; (On page 28) Drinks: Margarita & Appletini. Photos by Mike Hnida





school just a few years apart. Anderson went through culinary school in San Francisco. When it was time to do his externship, he missed his family back in our region. He landed at Chino Latino in 2004 where Larson was General Manager. The two clicked right away.

When Larson was ready to leave the Parasole fold, he went to Phil Roberts and received an enthusiastic blessing. Both professed their profound respect for him and the Parasole company.

But enough about the history, let's talk about the food. The cheese fries ($6), made with French fries made on site, topped with a scratch-made cheese sauce and mixed with bacon and a spicy giardinara, just begs for a frosty beer. They've got a great local list featuring the likes of Fulton, Surly, Summit, and more.

The shrimp salad ($15) is simply fantastic; the puffy, peppery tempura shrimp over a pile of fresh mixed greens with silky roasted tomato in a tangy blue cheese vinaigrette is hard to stop eating. Crispy, cool, warm, tart, tangy, spicy—seldom is there this much flavor in a salad.

The scallops were perfectly seared and cooked, elegantly served with a mix of fennel sauce, orange buttered fingerling potatoes and garden-fresh green beans ($24). It would be a lovely date night meal.

Their outdoor space would be a perfect sanctuary for a night of cocktails with friends. There is a beautiful fire feature outside with large, comfy cushions.

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The Nightingale has also just opened and will be staying open late, serving food until 1 am for the lively Whittier neighborhood. The food will be small plates. The husband/wife team behind this effort have experience at Brasa, Restaurant Alma, and Mortimer's bar. 2551 Lyndale Ave South, Minneapolis

El Meson suddenly closed their doors last week; we're sad to see them go. **Café Ena**, also owned by the family, will carry on as usual.

Also, this may be a little bit far in advance, but there is a class I'm anxious to take at **Kitchen in the Market. Bill Summerville** will be teaching a wine tasting class. I spent an evening sipping wine with this world-class sommelier (who is also an owner and the managing director at **La Belle Vie**) once in the lounge at his restaurant and discovered I know precious little about the way wine pairs with food. He's an expert's expert, and for only $60 you can spend Wednesday, December 12th with him, sipping, tasting and learning. This one is going to sell out, so reserve your ticket at www.bookwhen.com/kitm.



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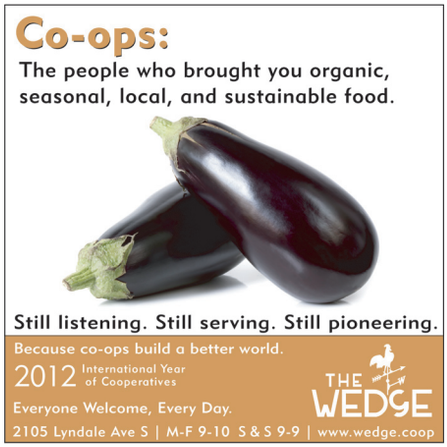
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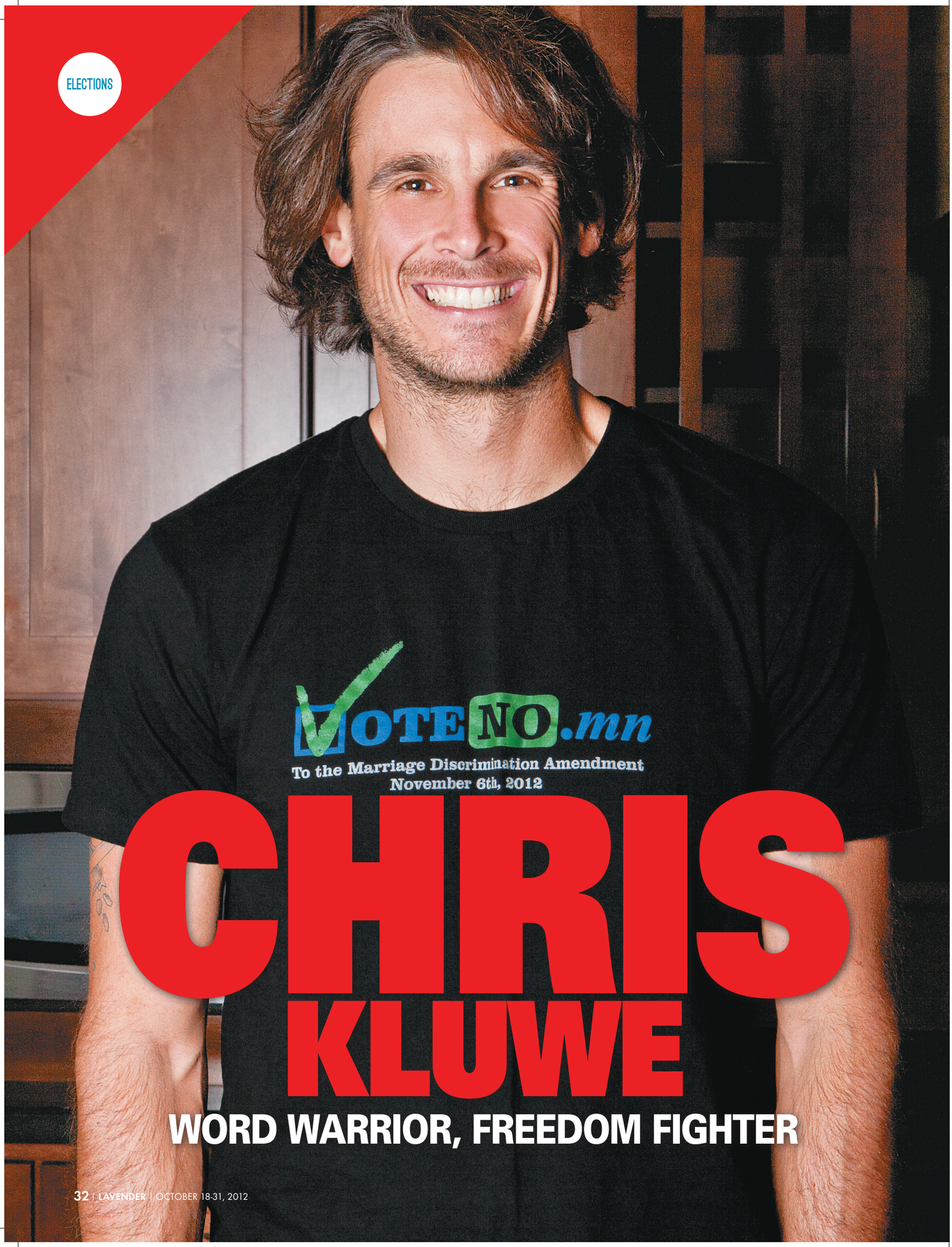

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CHRIS KLUWE

WORD WARRIOR, FREEDOM FIGHTER

BY ANDY LIEN

YEAH, THIS SEEMS LIKE THE RIGHT THING TO DO, TO HELP DEFEAT THIS AMENDMENT."

Chris Kluwe is a 30-year old punter for the Minnesota Vikings. He's a husband to Isabel, a father to two little girls, a bassist in Tripping Icarus, a gaming enthusiast, a Twitter phenom (@ChrisWarcraft), and a freedom fighter. Using his words to point out inequalities and inconsistencies in the public sphere, Kluwe skyrocketed to our attention as his retorts went viral on the internet. First, he took on a Maryland delegate, Emmett Burns, who criticized Ravens player Brendon Ayanbedejo for supporting same-sex marriage; recently, his response earned him a citation from Maryland delegate Sheila Hixon for "standing up for equality for all." Then, among other pieces he's written lately, Kluwe logically argued down the stance of former Viking Matt Birk, who publicly claimed that same-sex marriage would be detrimental to children. Most recently (as of press time...but I'm guessing there will have been more epic letters since), he fired off a letter to the Pope and Archbishop Nienstedt for various reasons, not the least of which were for mixing their role as a church with taking a political stance as well as writing a letter to a mother indicating that her eternal salvation may be at risk if she doesn't reconsider her request for acceptance of her gay son.

I want to thank everyone who offered to give me sports pointers in preparation for this interview. As you can read, though, it's about much more than football.

Andy Lien: Prepping for this piece, I had to do some homework. Turns out, there's a whole lot about you out there. You do a lot. What have you been doing in the media lately? How do we find you?

Chris Kluwe: Mainly on Twitter at my @ChrisWarcraft is where I do the bulk of my rabble-rousing, I guess. I have a blog at the Pioneer Press, Out of Bounds, and various radio interviews. If you want to get in contact with me, Twitter is usually the best way to go. I read all of my replies–I may not respond to all of them–but I do read all of them.

AL: Are you a regular on the radio?

CK: Yeah, the 93X Half-Ass Morning Show…I'm a pretty regular guest on there; this year I'm on every Tuesday around 7:30am. People can listen to me not talk about football.

AL: Your appearance on "Wait Wait… Don't Tell Me" this past weekend was hilarious. "Punters are the bassists of football…" that was great. You're a punter, and you're the bassist for Tripping Icarus. How did you come out wailing like you did against this Marriage Amendment?

CK: I was involved with Minnesotans for Marriage Equality. They had contacted me through Twitter and said, "Hey, would you be interested in helping us out?" I looked at the amendment and said, "Yeah, this seems like the right thing to do, to help defeat this amendment." Because it's taking away people's freedoms, it's taking away people's right to live their life free of oppression. So, I'd been involved with them…recorded a couple of radio ads…and then I saw the story of the Maryland delegate who sent the letter to the Ravens. I read the letter and I was like, "Wow… that's messed up." Can I swear? I said, "Wow, that's fucked up." I went to bed because it was around 11:30 at night, and I had to wake up for practice the next morning. I was lying in bed, and I can't get to sleep because I'm just thinking about this letter. I had to write something down or else I wouldn't be able to sleep. So I went to my computer, typed out the essay to Mr. Burns in about an hour, and sent it off to a couple of guys at Dead Spin because they've published some of my other stuff and I've been involved in some of their round table/slate discussion for football this year. They posted it at 2:00 the next day. All the sudden I checked my Twitter and there were 400 mentions. 800 mentions. 1600 mentions. I was like, "Whoa… someone's reading it."

AL: As I saw people intro-ing the link on Facebook, I kept seeing, "Now I'll have to start watching the Vikings" or "Now I have a new favorite Viking." Did you expect that the Vikings would see an increase in popularity out of saying this?

CK: [Laughs] No. I really didn't.

AL: I know people are saying you shouldn't because you're with the Vikings.

CW: Yeah, that was one of the things that people would say, "Hey, the language… could you have not used quite the colorful words?" So, that's why I also released the censored version of it. The "sparklepony" version

of it. But, I never thought they would get people interested in the Vikings. That's great–it's more people to cheer on the team.

AL: As far as role models go, there are just a handful of out pro athletes. None in the NFL. Do you predict more might be coming out? Or aren't there as many?

CK: I think so. I'd say there's probably two to three guys in the NFL that are playing right now–I don't know who they would be but simple statistics state that there are people in the NFL. My hope is that one day, guys'll feel comfortable enough to be who they are…not to have to worry about "Does my sexuality matter?" "Does my religion matter?" or "Does my race matter?" What matters is, "Can you play on Sunday?" "Can you help us win?" That's what sports should be about. Hopefully, what I'm doing, what Brendon's [Ayanbadejo] doing, what Connor Barwin and Scott Fujita are doing is helping change that culture to make other guys realize that who you choose to marry–who you choose to sleep with–doesn't matter when it comes to football.

AL: Not coming out can actually be detrimental. After people come out, they can actually perform better in sports. The psychological weight is lifted.

CK: There's not as much stress. I think it was Mark Cuban who said, "Whoever comes out first is going to have the greatest marketing opportunity ever. Because there are so many companies involved, especially in the NFL and Major League Baseball–do you think Nike and Gatorade wouldn't want to be involved in the greatest civil rights moment of this era? That'd be like getting Jackie Robinson to represent your product. It's not just the right thing to do from a human rights standpoint, but from a commercial standpoint you could make millions. It's unbelievable.

AL: Okay, so Matt Birk. We all have Matt Birks in our lives. The ones who we think, "You're very thoughtful…you're very conscientious…you're very intelligent." When he came out against marriage equality, there were many of us who were surprised. I saw time and time again, "I thought he was smarter than that." What do we do about the Matt Birks in our lives?

CK: You have to give them factual, statistical arguments that you can back up and ask them to argue the same way. Don't be satisfied with an appeal to emotion or an appeal to fear. Those aren't valid arguing techniques. Give me something concrete that I can look at and reason over argue with. The thing is, when you say that it's about the children and then you don't give any facts why it's about children, where's your argument? You're basically saying, "This makes me feel uncomfortable so we should get rid of it." But that's not a good enough reason to deny a segment of American citizens federal benefits and rights under the law. It's discrimination.

AL: When you made the point to Matt Birk that "it does affect your kids in case one of them is gay," that's where I thought we might see that they could come around. They should probably come around to this–the intelligent, conscientious folks–and that might be where. Do you think they will? Is it generational?

CK: I think it will be. If you look at it historically, societies tend to move toward more freedom, not less, as long as things stay reasonably stable in the society. You look at segregation today and then back to 50 years ago and wonder, "What were they thinking? Why was this ever an issue?" 50 years from now–30 years from now–our kids are going to grow up and wonder, "What were they thinking? Why was this an issue?"

AL: This is an emotionally charged issue. This past year in the campaign against this amendment, people have been asked to have conversations and share their stories. What advice would you give people as they have these very difficult discussions?

CK: I'd say that when you talk to someone, make sure they're aware that you do respect that they have the right to believe what they want to believe but, at the same time, that this is an issue that strikes at the very core of what it means to be an American citizen. In America, everyone pays taxes, everyone has the opportunity to serve in the military, and everyone can defend the freedoms and rights of the country. And, you are entitled the same rights and privileges under the law as everyone else. If you look at any sort of legal argument from the past for segregation, Plessy v. Ferguson, separate but equal doesn't work. American citizens should all be treated as American citizens. When you deny someone their rights, you are effectively saying, "You are not as good of a human being as I am. You are less than I am. You don't deserve the same protections that I do." And that's just wrong. That's not what America stands for.

AL: Part of that is coming out for some people–letting others know that you are who you are and that it affects you.

CK: Exactly. We all live together in this nation. America's inclusive–it's not exclusive. We're all in this together.

AL: I've been noticing an overwhelming sense of gratitude in the community–relief–when people share what you've written. You've become a spokesman for them. I've also noticed this rallying behind you, that you've struck such a chord and done so consistently. My question is, what's next for you? Is there a Chris Kluwe for public office in our future?

CK: [Laughs] I don't know if you saw my tweets last night [during the first presidential debate], but I'm not a real big fan of our political system. To me, there are some very fundamental instabilities in our political system right now that really need to be overhauled. If you look at historical trends from various empires, it doesn't end well. The barbarians are always at the gates…and they'll get in, eventually. So, politics-wise, I have no plans for running for political office. I'd like to keep writing–you know, pointing out stuff that doesn't make sense. I've always felt that you should treat others the way you want to be treated. A lot of life would be a lot easier for a lot of people if they just followed the Golden Rule. If you're going to do something, ask yourself, "What would it feel like if someone else did that to me?" Then, if you look at it like, "I wouldn't want someone else to do that to me," don't do it to anyone else.

AL: Right. Easy. You'd think.

CK: You'd think.

AL: This is the final question. You've been here since 2005, what do you think is going to happen in this election?

CK: If I could predict the future, I'd buy a Powerball ticket. What I hope will happen is that Minnesota will defeat this amendment because 31 other states haven't been able to, and it really is a disturbing sign that other states have felt that they need to oppress a certain segment of their population, of American citizens, and deny them equal benefits under the law. Eventually, at some point, the Supreme Court is going to look at it and say that these are frankly unconstitutional–you're using religious arguments to try and influence secular matters. That is a violation of the First Amendment. So, I hope that Minnesota will be the first state that says, "Look, we are not going to oppress our citizens. We're going to realize that every citizen in this state is here for the betterment of the state. And we're not going to say that just because you want to get married to someone of the same sex or just because you have a different religion or just because you have a certain skin color that we're going to deprive you of your rights." Hopefully, we'll defeat this. □

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AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

DALE CARPENTER

WE SHOULD NOT CUT SHORT THE DEBATE IN MINNESOTA.

In a recent debate about same-sex marriage, Professors Dale Carpenter and Teresa Collett went face to face about the upcoming marriage amendment. Known for his support of GLBT equality, Carpenter is the Earl R. Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. Though most people who are against the marriage amendment are fueled by personal experiences, Carpenter's opinion adds substantial legal and logical reasoning to the debate.

First, Carpenter focuses on the constitutional problem with redefining marriage. According to Carpenter, the state's constitutional view regarding marriage has not been changed or amended in over 150 years. However, our understanding of marriage has evolved throughout time; for example, our society no longer defines a woman as the husband's property through marriage. But the problem with this amendment is that passing the amendment would allow advocates for the preservation of marriage to end the debate with their assured victory. Carpenter also notes that this amendment acts as an anticipatory move; this amendment's future lies in the hands of future possible decisions, and relying on future decisions is not a strong or smart constitutional move.

Carpenter states that this amendment "places in constitutional cement an issue that is very much in flux and is being debated around the country. We are still learning from the experience of other countries and other states that recognize same-sex marriages, so we should not cut short the debate in Minnesota."

Carpenter reiterates the fact that same-sex marriage does not affect other marriages. To use this excuse is a cop-out for real problems with marriage (divorce, infidelity, dishonesty, etc.). Rather, Carpenter hopes that people see same-sex marriages as REAL marriages, complete with the same benefits and problems as opposite-sex couples. For example, both same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples must deal with employment problems, medical problems, relationship problems, and all couples need financial support from each other. Same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples have the same needs for emotional support. As Carpenter ↦

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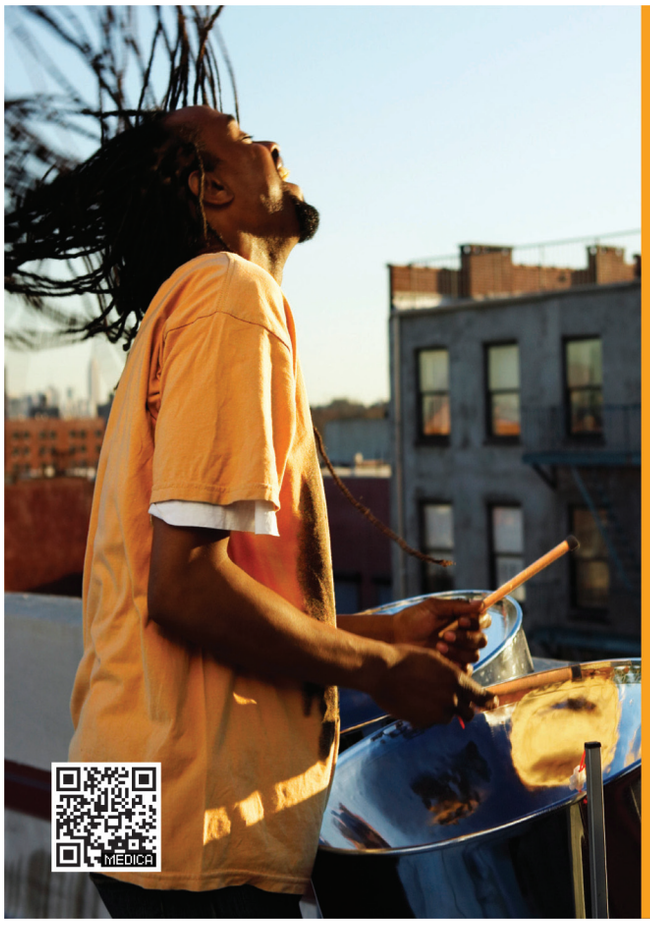
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notes, same-sex couples "are doing the hard work of raising the next generation; in exchange they ask to be married. It is time for the government to get out of their way and recognize their freedom to marry."

As with traditional marriage, same-sex marriage would ultimately strengthen families and build better, more stable relationships. Legally, same-sex couples would have the same rights as opposite-sex couples including visitation rights and health care. But on a deeper level, marriage equality would strengthen the bond between two loving individuals. Our society uses marriage to signify a commitment, both to the people entering a marriage and to the public who witness the union. Marriage also has a huge influence on the fidelity of the relationship because marriage is traditionally a permanent thing, causing more people to attempt to resolve their problems instead of simply calling it quits.

Carpenter notes that marriage isn't just about reproduction, otherwise there would be many opposite-sex marriages that would not support the claim that marriage's ultimate goal is reproduction. Also, Carpenter hopes to dispel the notion that same-sex marriage will hurt traditional marriage. He asks, "If sex is no longer a relevant substantive legal category within marriage, no longer defines the relations and rights one spouse to the other within marriage–then the question arises, why does it remain a definitional category, limiting who can enter marriage based on sex?"

It is important to note that society's definition of marriage has changed over the years, most notably with regard to female equality and interracial marriage. Women are no longer seen as legal property of the husband. People can marry regardless of their race or ethnicity. The GLBT community isn't large; adding a small percentage of same-sex marriages to the number of opposite-sex marriages would not rock the boat as much as opponents of marriage equality fear. Carpenter notes, "Same-Sex couples are not redefining marriage; they're joining it."

With regard to the belief that "children should have a mother and a father," Carpenter doesn't see the logical connection between that statement and same-sex marriage. Carpenter notes that same-sex marriage doesn't challenge the traditional family unit any more than adoptive families, blended families, or the use of contraception. He notes that there are no laws against same-sex couples raising children, dispelling the claim that same-sex parents are ultimately harmful to a child's well-being.

Allowing the conversation on marriage equality to continue to a (hopefully) victorious end allows marriage to continue to be society's standard, according to Carpenter. If people want to commit to a lasting relationship, raise kids, and reap the financial benefits allotted to married couples, they should be allowed to get married. Marriage would be the standard for all, regardless of sexual orientation.

As Carpenter simply states, "You can't make the case for same-sex marriage without making the case for marriage." □



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JESUS AND MARRIAGE

DR. MIC HUNTER INTERVIEW

Dr. Mic Hunter is a licensed marriage and family therapist and psychologist, practicing in Saint Paul. In addition to *Back To The Source: The Spiritual Principles Of Jesus,* he is the author of *Honor Betrayed: Sexual Abuse In America's Military,* both of which address the civil rights of women and GLBT people.

Hunter sees himself as being at the top of the food chain because he is a white, college-educated, heterosexual man. He further defines himself as a fan of Jesus, although no longer a Christian. He and his wife of 29 years expect their marriage will remain intact even when same-sex marriage is permitted in Minnesota.

Hunter spoke recently with *Lavender* concerning the uses and abuses of religion–manipulating the words of Jesus in particular–to prevent GLBT citizens from obtaining equal civil rights. His findings are particularly relevant in light of the marriage amendment to be determined on Minnesota's November 6 ballot.

E.B. Boatner: You point out that the quoted words of Jesus in the New Testament run to about 2,000 words or less (and, of course, none the Old Testament), so what are Christians really trying to do when they use the phrase, "The Bible says…" when arguing against granting gays equal rights under civil law or to keep women "in their place?"

Dr. Mic Hunter: When somebody makes the claim, "It is in the Bible," I always ask, "Where exactly–the Ten Commandments, the Old Testament, the New Testament?" Usually, people admit they don't know, but they are sure their claim is based on Biblical text because somebody else told them that it was. Even those people who can quote a passage from the Bible are stumped when I ask them, "Are you quoting Jesus or somebody else?" Many people are surprised to learn that the words 'homosexual,' and 'gay' have not appeared in any translation of the Bible until very recently.

EB: And the fact that Jesus himself says nothing about homosexuals. Why is that lack of comment never mentioned by those using religion to withhold rights, or dismissed if it's brought to their attention?

MH: None of the texts ever found that make up the Books of the New Testament contain a single word spoken by Jesus on the topic of same-sex relationships. When I make presentations on this topic I announce, "I will now quote every single word known to have been spoken by Jesus on the issue." Then I stand there in silence. I prefer to limit my understanding of his teachings to the material actually contained within the New Testament.



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Jesus is quoted in eighteen verses on his stand against divorce, but not a single verse on same-sex behavior is attributed to him, yet divorce gets much less negative attention than the issue of homosexuals. What's more, when the topic of divorce does come up, it is never discussed in the hateful tones that are used when discussing gays. The divorce rate among the most conservative Christians is significantly higher than the divorce rate for less strict faith groups:

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Furthermore, the divorce rate for both agnostics (those who believe it is impossible to prove or disprove the existence of God) and atheists (those who don't believe in God) is the same as the lowest rates for Christian marriages (21%).

With these high rates of divorce, what motivates some Christians to spend so much of their time, energy, and money trying to prevent the one percent of the population that is gay from marrying while twenty-one to thirty-four percent of Christians are going against the teachings of Jesus by divorcing?

EB: The aim of *Back to the Source* is to examine, as the subtitle states, "The Spiritual Principles of Jesus," and in great part, they boil down to: help others–the needy, those who can't fend for themselves–to the best of

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your ability and your resources. How would Jesus react to the recent news story of the church food bank that closed because it was attracting too many poor and street people?

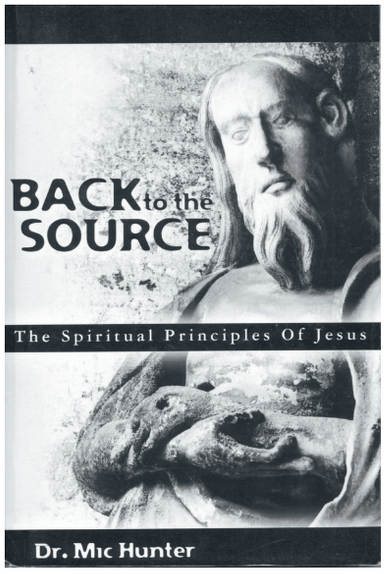
MH: Jesus had a reputation for spending time with outcasts. The Jewish society Jesus was born into was highly restrictive, and there were many rules about having social contact with those who were unclean meaning those who were not strictly following the hundreds of religious rules that addressed every aspect of behavior.

According to the gospels, Jesus interacted with unmarried women, non-Jews, lepers, criminals, all kinds of people the rest of his society considered outcasts. The best predictor of future behavior is one's past behavior, so if Jesus were here today, my guess is he would be working to assist AIDS patients and people in homeless shelters and prisons—in other words, the outcasts of our society.

EB: What are the Spiritual Principles of Jesus that you draw from his words and discuss in your book?

MH:

Your relationship with God; Treat others the way you want God to treat you
God is good
Your relationship with others;
Treat others as you want to be treated
Focus on your behavior rather than on the behavior of others
The wellbeing of others is more important than following rules
Focus on a person's humanity rather than rank or status
Be compassionate
Serve others
There are no people unworthy of our loving attention
We are all one people



Forgive others
Act on your beliefs; faith alone isn't sufficient
Use non-violent resistance to fight injustice
Be loving and love your enemy

EB: How do you use this understanding of Jesus's words and principles to talk with someone who will/can only repeat, "The Bible says…" and then asserts something that Jesus does not say in the Bible?

MH: I have said on many occasions when someone misquotes the Bible or make a false claim, "You must be reading a different Bible than any of the ones I have read. I can say with absolute confidence that in fact the Bible not only doesn't say what you are claiming, but actually says the opposite!" If that person is open to a respectful discussion on the issue, I am happy to do so, but if he or she isn't open, I am still glad I took a public stand.

EB: Your chapters end with question sections. Have you personally taught the book using these study sets? How do readers generally react to them?

MH: I included the questions to encourage readers to stop and think about what they had read. I know of secular book clubs that have read my book [as well as] Bible study groups who have used it to promote discussions, lively at times, I have been told.

I work with clients from all backgrounds; one Evangelical couple decided to read it to one another and answer the questions as they drove across the country to visit their adult children. Every few days, they would leave me a phone message, "We thought we knew everything there was to know about Jesus, but we are finding out that we haven't been told the whole story by our church leaders. We are getting so much closer to each other on a spiritual level after answering these questions. We have sat next to each other in church for years but never made effort to talk to one another about our personal beliefs."

EB: A central issue today is that religion is being used more frequently and more aggressively as a means to continue to devalue women and to deny civil rights to GLBT individuals. Would you speak to this concern?

The Bible has long been used to justify mistreatment. The fact that both the Old and New Testaments contain references to slavery was cited by Americans to 'prove' that God thought enslaving an entire race of people was acceptable. In Ephesians (96:5) Paul—not Jesus—wrote, "Slaves, be obedient to those who are your earthly masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as to Christ." Now most of us don't think slavery is moral, but there are still many people who think that repressing women and GLBT people is doing the work of God. ↦

I find it particularly disturbing that so many African-Americans, whose ancestors' enslavement was justified with Biblical verse, can now justify the mistreatment of GLBT people and women in general. It would seem that Blacks would understand the importance of civil rights. It was only a few years ago that it was illegal for Blacks and Whites to marry. From the time of Jesus up to now, there have been all sorts of things that were considered immoral at one time, but over the years have become accepted by the general public and Christians (for example: autopsies, vaccinations, blood transfusions, organ transplants, artificial insemination, and in vitro fertilization). History suggests that at some point in the near future, homosexuality will join this list.

I discourage anyone from basing their understanding of the teaching of Jesus on any one or two passages. I believe the best way to understand what he was trying to teach is to look for themes, ideas that are repeated with a gospel and between the gospels.

Many of my clients are recovering addicts of one kind or another. When they attend Twelve Step-based support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Sex Addicts Anonymous, they have to examine the role spirituality will play [in their lives]. Likewise, those who have been sexually abused by clergy have been damaged spiritually by the abuse. Then there are those who have been shamed by intolerant people who use religion to justify their discrimination. I help all these wounded people to create and utilize a personal spirituality, one that is practical and empowering, rather than punitive and shaming.

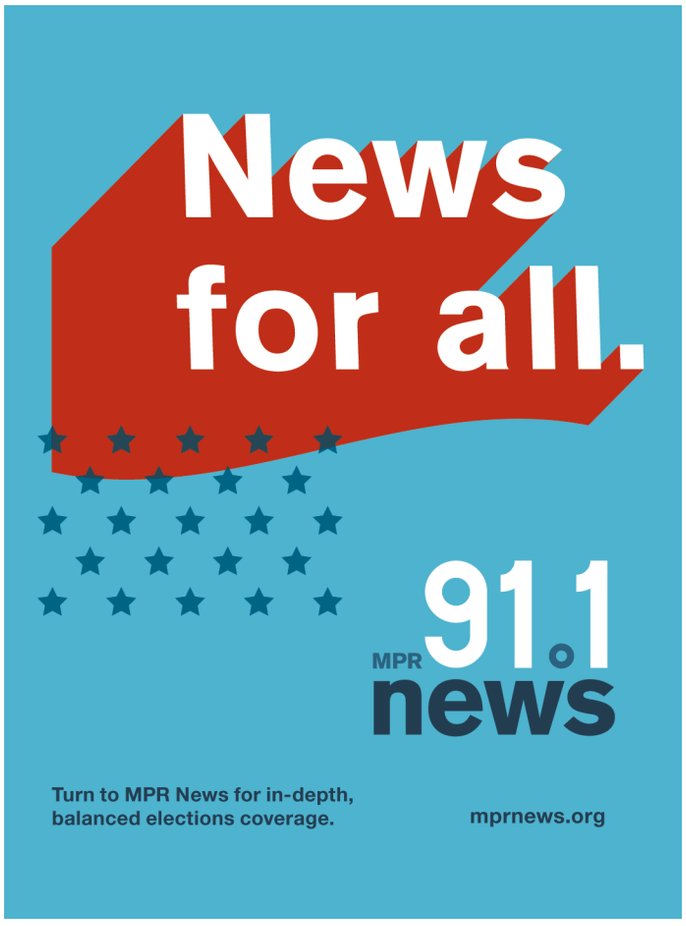
Religion is what a group of people believes; spirituality is what an individual believes. I tell my clients, "Don't let somebody else's understanding of religion interfere with your spirituality. You are the world's expert on your own spirituality, nobody can tell you what you have to believe or can't believe."

EB: And, once again, what to do when you find plain-out lies? Joe Fox's documentary *Question One* concerning the 2009 Maine vote showed the right lying on their TV ads, and now the same ad-maker is working in Minnesota to pass the upcoming marriage amendment.

MH: I just spent a week hiking in Utah with a gay couple that have been together for decades and are both psychotherapists. I asked them, "What's the most important thing a psychotherapist needs to know in order to assist GLBT clients?" They both immediately responded, "An understanding of how religion has been used against them, and how to help them recover from that abuse."

Most Americans are merely ignorant or misinformed on these matters, but there are people who have accurate information, but choose to lie instead. When interacting with these people, I don't argue about the content of what they are saying—I go right to the heart of the problem: "What you are staying is false, and you know that it is false. That means you are lying, and it is that kind of hypocritical behavior that gives religion a bad name."

Usually, (like all bullies), when someone stands up to them they don't know what to do. The best way to counter these lies is to have an accurate understanding of the teachings of Jesus so one can confidently take a public stand in a meaningful way. □





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Queer Eye For Sci-Fi

Minnesota Daily reports that the Gaylaxicon beams into town for three days of intergalactic activity. Started in 1988 and hosted by different affiliates of the Gaylactic Network in cities across the states, the Gaylaxicon is a sci-fi, fantasy, horror, and comic convention for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community. "If we're not going to do gay panels, no one will," said Don Kaiser, the convention chair. "We concentrate on panels from a gay perspective, but we aren't GLBT all the time."

Minnesota

Who's Funding the Marriage Amendment Debate?

The Business Journal reports that top executives and Minnesota businesses have injected more than $1 million to Minnesotans United for All Families, the major group opposing the amendment. Three Pohlad family brothers gathered donations of $325,000. Other big name donors include leaders of Carlson Companies, Cargill, and General Mills, Inc. Meanwhile, business leaders' donations to the group limiting the freedom to marry totaled about $150,000.

California

College Student Studying To Be Ex-Gay Counselor Sues Over CA's Reparative-Therapy Ban

Queerty reports that a college student who claims he overcame same-sex attractions through reparative therapy has filed suit against the state of California, which recently passed a ban on so-called gay cures. Aaron Blitzer, who's actually studying to be an ex-gay therapist, filed papers in U.S. District Court claiming the new law prevents him from pursuing his noble profession and names Gov. Jerry Brown, who signed the measure over the weekend, as one of the defendants along with members of the California Board of Behavioral Sciences and the California Mental Board. Joined by two therapists named as co-plaintiffs, Blitzer claims the ban infringes on the First Amendment right to free speech, privacy, and freedom of religion.

Iowa

Voices Of Bullying: Teen Founds Homegrown Gay-Straight Alliance

The *Des Moines Register* reports that sixteen-year-old Marcus Ingles from Dyersville has been openly gay for two years and helped found a homegrown gay-straight alliance at Western Dubuque High School. His new group, the "Bobcat Allies," began when a school administrator refused to let Ingles and his male date into the Sadie Hawkins dance for the price of couples' admission. Ingles fights perceptions among some of his classmates and teachers that the Bobcat Allies is only for gay and lesbian students. High school science teacher and Bobcat Allies faculty adviser Michelle Meade promised that the group this year will "hit the ground running" and "ensure all students feel involved, included, safe, and welcome."

Washington

Republican Maureen Defends Her Vote For Gay Marriage In New Ad

On Top reports that Washington state Representative Maureen Walsh stars in a new ad for Referendum 74, the ballot measure which will ask voters in November to uphold–or reject–a gay marriage law approved by lawmakers. In the 30-second ad released Monday by Washington United for Marriage, the coalition of groups working to approve the referendum, Walsh, one of only two Republicans who voted for the marriage reform, says her late husband was the love of her life. Walsh says, " "He died six years ago. And I miss him every day. I think to myself how can I deny any couple–whether they are gay or straight–that incredible bond of marriage?"

2-SPAIN

Madrid Wins Bid To Host 2017 World Gay Pride

South Florida Gay News reports that Spain's capital has been chosen to host the world's largest and most prestigious gay pride event in 2017. Juan Carlos Alonso, a member of the Association of Entrepreneurs and Professionals for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgender Madrid, said in a statement: "We know that the eyes of the international LGBT community will be focused on our city and we will not disappoint because we are fully prepared to host the largest World Pride in history. This positions Madrid in the world as a true gateway to diversity and an example of coexistence."

3-PUERTO RICO

Orlando Cruz Becomes Boxing's First Openly Gay Man

USA Today reports that featherweight boxer Orlando Cruz, from Puerto Rico, has become the first openly gay man in the sport's history, describing himself Wednesday as a "proud gay man." Cruz said in a statement: "I've been fighting for more than 24 years and as I continue my ascendant career, I want to be true to myself." Cruz continues: "I have and will always be a proud Puerto Rican. I have always been and always will be a proud gay man."

4-WHALES

Welsh Teen On Trial For Murdering Elderly Gay Man, Filming Victim's Corpse

Queerty reports that an 18-year-old in Cardiff, Wales is on trial for murdering an older gay man he met on a dating site and then boasting about his crime in a video depicting the corpse. Bleddyn Rees King stands accused of murdering 63-year-old David Evans in January, then ransacking and setting fire to Evans' home to hide his involvement. The prosecution contends King deliberately chose an elderly gay man as his target, assuming he would be more vulnerable and less likely to press charges. King admits to killing Evans, but he insists he "lost control" when the elderly man went further sexually than he was ready for.

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THE STATE OF MARRIAGE

In the fall of 2010, many in the GLBT community nationwide were struck by a surprising fact: for the first time in recent memory, same-sex couples' right to marry was not on the ballot anywhere in the country. This was seen as not such a bad thing; with one unusual exception, *every* previous vote had been won by those who would forever deny these couples access to marriage.

Two short years later, marriage is the subject of hard-fought campaigns in four states, and virtually every legal analyst agrees that the United States Supreme Court will take at least one marriage-related case in its current term, which began October 1. Is it time to cringe and await the inevitable string of defeats yet again? On the contrary, this time, expectations are considerably higher that we have turned a historic corner and will see victories in the coming weeks and months.

Let's start with what is virtually guaranteed: few doubt that the US Supreme Court will agree to hear the federal government's appeals from a string of losses in federal appellate courts in California, Massachusetts, and New York, every one of which concluded that the federal "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA) violates the constitution's guarantees of equal protection of the law. DOMA declares that, for federal purposes, "marriage" means different-sex marriages only; DOMA does not, and could not, prevent states from ending marriage discrimination. DOMA "only" means, for purposes of this discussion, that the federal government will ignore the existence of same-sex marriages, even in states where they are recognized as legal. The US government has consistently failed in its efforts to argue that the government may lavish rights and benefits on some marriages while refusing to recognize other, equally valid, marriages. Given the uniform appellate rulings, many are cautiously optimistic that the Court will affirm them, at least as they apply in states where same-sex couples may marry— but we likely won't know the outcome before June 2013.

The other big marriage-related case that the Court is considering taking is probably the one that is higher-profile: Prop 8. In June 2008, the California Supreme Court ruled that the state's constitution required permitting same-sex couples to marry, and marriages began shortly thereafter. However, that November, voters changed the constitution by approving Proposition 8, defining marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman.

Controversially, several couples filed a federal lawsuit against California, arguing that Prop 8 violated their rights under the US constitution. Initially, the lawsuit had little backing from "establishment" GLBT groups, who feared it could prove to be the vehicle for a US Supreme Court ruling that would set back the cause of GLBT equality for years—something that has happened in the past. Still, the first court ruling by a federal district judge in San Francisco in August 2010, fully supported the plaintiffs' arguments and struck Prop 8 down. (California agreed with the plaintiffs that Prop 8 was unconstitutional, and the provision's defense was taken up by right-wing groups that had promoted it.)

On appeal, however, the Ninth Circuit—widely viewed as the nation's most liberal, and thus, in theory, its most GLBT-friendly—was not willing to go so far. It narrowed the trial court's ruling considerably, focusing on the one aspect of the situation that was unique to California: the court said the constitutional problem was found in the fact that Californians had voted to strip some of their neighbors of a right they had, while preserving it for others—with no obvious reason to do so other than a desire to discriminate. Significantly,

the Ninth Circuit went out of its way, repeatedly, to broadcast that it was NOT deciding the core question of whether denying same-sex couples the right to marry was, itself, unconstitutional.

While still a major victory—because the ruling's impact would be felt nowhere other than California, and because the appellate court avoided the core question of marriage equality—many observers believe the Supreme Court will choose to focus its marriage-equality attention on the DOMA cases and not accept the Prop 8 case for review. If that happens, the Ninth Circuit ruling stands, and marriage equality returns to California after a four-year hiatus. Or the Court could take the case, and there is cautious optimism that, because the Ninth Circuit's opinion relies heavily on decisions written by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, Kennedy could be persuaded to join the four perceived liberals on the Court to provide a 5-4 ruling against Prop 8. Only time will tell.

At the state level, votes on marriage equality will occur November 6 in Maine, Washington, Maryland, and, of course, Minnesota. Polling has consistently shown the equality position winning in Maine, and to a lesser extent in Washington; Maryland is far less clear. Recognizing that polling may prove inaccurate, many advocates remain convinced that voters in at least one state among the first three will vote to approve their respective legislature's marriage-equality legislation. This would be a turning point indeed.

And here in Minnesota? Again, polling has suggested the vote will be unbelievably close, and the trend has been that supporters of the proposed amendment excluding same-sex couples from marriage slightly outnumber opponents. That said, few polls have indicated that supporters have crossed the magic 50% threshold that they must exceed in order to see the amendment approved (leaving the item blank counts the same as a "no" vote). There remains broad optimism that Minnesota will be the first state to defeat a proposed amendment focusing squarely on marriage. Every person can still make a difference by engaging people in conversation about why this amendment is bad for Minnesota.

But here's something to remember: even if the amendment is defeated November 6, that does not mean that marriage equality arrives November 7. In the event the amendment fails, thanks to the unprecedented, amazing work of Minnesotans United for All Families, all that means is that we would find ourselves in the same position we were in November 5—namely, living in a Minnesota with a statute, but not a constitutional amendment, that bars same-sex couples from marriage. Nothing would prohibit legislators from repealing that statute, but naturally this would depend on electing a legislature that would be open to such an effort. While many expect the 2013 legislature to include more GLBT-equality supporters, it's not certain they will be in the majority.

Voter rejection of the proposed amendment is also crucial to the efforts of three Minnesota couples who launched their own lawsuit against the State in May 2010, seeking the right to marry. Because their arguments are based on the current language of the Minnesota constitution, if the language is amended, that State-court lawsuit becomes moot. The couples' attorney has declared that if the amendment passes, they will pursue a federal action like that of the Prop 8 plaintiffs. Unfortunately, Minnesota is in the Eighth Circuit, which is perceived to be far less liberal, and thus, in theory, less GLBT-friendly, than the Ninth Circuit, and even *that* court avoided the core question of whether prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying (as the amendment would do, if passed) is unconstitutional. The same national GLBT litigation organizations that have been successful in marriage cases elsewhere discourage attempting this sort of effort at this time, given the current population of the federal judiciary.

It's also critical to remember that even if the amendment passes, the conversation about same-sex couples' constitutional right to legal recognition in Minnesota is guaranteed to continue. As of this writing, six states plus the District of Columbia permit same-sex couples to marry; another nine offer something that is the equivalent of marriage (civil unions or domestic partnerships), and three more provide a limited form of legal recognition. In other words, in 2012, eighteen states plus DC offer some form of substantive legal recognition for same-sex couples; ten years ago, the number was one. On a more local level, nineteen Minnesota cities have enacted domestic-partner ordinances; four years ago, the number was, also, one. Add in the broad international movement toward relationship recognition for same-sex couples, from South Africa to Argentina to Canada to Australia to Sweden and many countries besides, and the trend is clear: legally recognizing same-sex couples' relationships is an idea whose time has come, and even a negative vote in one or more states in November, and even a negative court ruling will hold back the tide only so long. Each and every constitutional amendment denying same-sex couples access to marriage will, in the end, go the way of Prohibition.

It's frustrating to wait for full equality to come, but come it will, with each of us playing our parts to make it happen. □

Campaign Scrapbook

by Andy Lien

When we look back at this year of VOTE NO, what are we going to remember? So many stories, so many sayings, and more fundraisers than have ever filled our calendars before. Here's a handful of symbols that will stick in our minds and hearts as well.



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Photo by Richard Herod III

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1. Mr. & Mr./Mrs. & Mrs. Cake Pops
Raspberry Bird Cake Pops provided sweet provisions for the PUT A ROCK ON IT concert for marriage equality at The Ritz Theater—chocolate grooms and red velvet brides. Delicious and delightful. $33/dozen at www.raspberrybird.com.

2. Conversation Cookies from Birchwood Cafe
This campaign relies on conversations. Birchwood Cafe figured out a great way to start them. $3/cookie, $2 of each cookie sold will go to Minnesotans United for All Families. Special orders in advance (1 dozen minimum) with 48 hours notice to info@birchwoodcafe.com.

3. Vote No Car Decals
Richard Herod III was told to take down his Vote No lawn sign by his townhome association. So, he put a bigger sign up in his driveway—his Mitsubishi Evolution, covered in (removable) Vote No decals. Contact Richard at Kickboxer1977@aol.com if you're interested in creating your own mobile Vote No sign for $50/set + tax, $25/set will be donated to Minnesotans United for All Families.

4. Vote No Pride Cake
Asked to do a Vote No cake for a One Day United fundraiser to benefit Minnesotans United for All Families, Bad Girl Confections came up with a lawn sign Pride cake of epic proportions. By special order, see more at www.facebook.com/badgirlconfections.

5. FOR ALL Rings
Conspicuously different from the usual rubber message bracelets, these orange rings that have the equal sign and FOR ALL on them are little beacons for your hands. Conversation starters and solidarity signifiers from Zeus Jones are available in Uptown or online at www.votenoforall.com.

6. Buttons, Buttons, Who's Got the Buttons?
This campaign will be remembered as the time when religious denominations really came out of the closet in support of GLBT rights in unprecedented numbers. Large Vote No banners on churches, small buttons on clothes all signified acceptance and assertion. The NOvember buttons are available through St. John's Lutheran Church in Minnetonka (www.saintpaulslutheran.org and www.lighthouse4youth.org). Buttons and signs with ANOTHER CATHOLIC VOTING NO are available via Catholics for Marriage Equality Minnesota at www.c4me.org.

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Kathleen Watson

Café SouthSide Coffee and Community





Roxanne Anderson and Anna Meyer

AS A perfect place to caffeinate and relax, Café SouthSide offers a safe and inclusive place for all people to commune over a cup of joe. Co-owned by Roxanne Anderson and Anna Meyer, the new Café SouthSide opened its doors in December of 2011. Conveniently located in The Exchange building on the corner of 34th St and Chicago, and right next to the TYSN office (Trans Youth Support Network), the café has become a perfect spot for all GLBT people to mingle without judgment or assumptions. Receiving enough write-in votes to be honored in the Lavender 100, it's only necessary to give a nod to this great cafe that should be on everyone's radar.

Featuring organic, gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian options as well as fare for carnivores alike, Café SouthSide serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner all day. Anderson and Meyer serve Equal Exchange coffee, a company that provides organic and fair trade coffee and espresso. Café SouthSide also incorporates products from local businesses like A Baker's Wife and Saint Agnes Baking Company.

What makes Café SouthSide so delightful is the atmosphere. Whether you want to lounge around in overstuffed chairs or spread out at a table, the café has the space for you to do so. Photography and art from local artists grace the walls. An eye-catching mural by Katrina Knutson covers one wall with a bright cityscape. On mild and temperate days, relax outside in the community garden. The outdoor sitting area allows you to get some fresh air while enjoying the mosaic on the side of the building created by Jimmy Longoria's Mentoring for Peace through Art project.

Café SouthSide exudes a feeling of community from the moment you walk through the café's doors. No matter who you are or where you've been, you'll always be welcomed at Café SouthSide with a smile. □

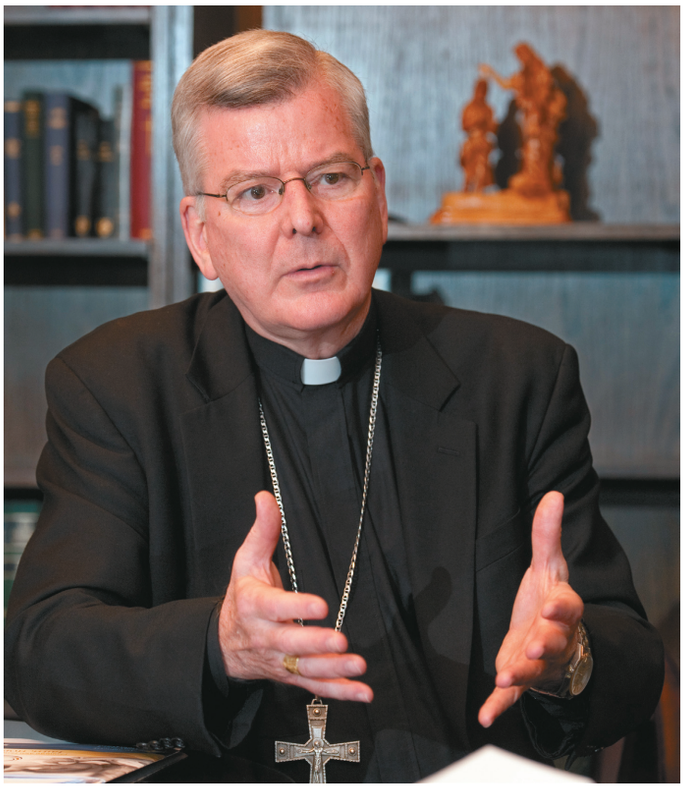
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Archbishop Confronted

Gay Man in 35-Year Relationship Clarifies Archbishop Nienstedt's Restaurant Comment to the *Star Tribune*

LAST YEAR the Archdiocese distributed 400,000 antigay DVDs made by the Knights of Columbus meant to stir antigay marriage sentiments.

In the Oct. 6, 2012, *Star Tribune* Q&A with John Clayton Nienstedt, Archbishop for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Archdiocese, one question asked for clarification about a recollection by Rev. Michael Becker of St. Paul's St. John Vianney Seminary that occurred at St. Paul's Lexington Restaurant. The questioner said, "a man came into the restaurant and threw one of the church's DVDs at you" to set context for a response.



Archbishop John Clayton Nienstedt. AP Images, Craig Lassig

Gregg Larson has come forth to challenge Rev. Becker's account. He was at the restaurant with his partner of 35 years on Friday evening Dec. 2, 2011. He was the man who confronted Archbishop Nienstedt. Larson: "First off, I didn't come into the restaurant. My partner and I were there before they arrived. Also, I did not throw the DVD at him [contrary to Rev. Becker's account to the *Star Tribune*]. I would never have done that. In fact, nobody in the restaurant even was aware of the conversation that we had with them. It's less than accurate to characterize what happened that way. It also says that the Archbishop remained composed. He didn't really remain composed. And in the Archbishop's answer he didn't refute any of that. He simply said, 'I try to reply to emotional outbursts with reason, calm, and patience.' Well, there was no emotional outburst. And nobody in the restaurant was aware of the conversation."

Synchronistically, Larson had a copy of the DVD sent to his elderly mother at her nursing home in his car which he was intending to return to the Archdiocese. What follows is what Larson says actually happened starting when he saw Nienstedt waiting alone near the coat check to sit down. Larson: "First I went up to him and asked, 'Are you John Nienstedt?' And he said, 'Yes.' And I introduced myself. Then I said my mother got this piece of junk mail and I wanted to return it. And I said it was the [antigay marriage] DVD that you had sent out." Larson then told Nienstedt that he had heard he is gay and that "if that was true then he was a hypocrite and I went back and sat down."

Back at table Larson recalled that the DVD and letter were in his car. He went to retrieve them, went back inside and went to the table with his partner where another priest and Nienstedt were now seated. He told Nienstedt, "'I had forgotten the DVD was in the car, so I can return it to you personally.' And with that I broke it in half and I dropped the two pieces into the middle of the table and I took the letter and I tore it up and I put that in the middle of the table."

Then Larson again mentioned what he'd heard about Nienstedt being gay: "He responded to me, 'You shouldn't believe rumors.' And I said, 'Methinks thou dost protest too much.' And at that point he kind of raised his hand and snarled 'Get out!' And I responded that his behavior was unbecoming of an Archbishop and that maybe we needed an exorcist here. There was no yelling. It was a conversational level. The restaurant was full of people. No one knew what was going on. The other priest said that we were ruining their dinner and my partner said that they were ruining people's lives. The priest said, 'We will pray for you.' My partner said, 'Please don't pray for me. I was raised as a Congregationalist and we were taught to think for ourselves.' The priest replied again: 'I will pray for you.' And at that point we both left." □

Archbishop Nienstedt has been contacted for comment; as of press time, he has not responded.

Getting out the NO vote

Q&A with Ryan Greenwood, Deputy Campaign Manager, Minnesotans United for All Families

IT MAY sound simple, but only votes win elections. Lawn signs, television commercials, t-shirts, and fundraising are tremendous, but on November 6th it is all about the votes. All too often in political campaigns, people will donate and put up lawn signs, but actually fail to vote. Campaigns work hard to make sure their supporters get out to the polls. Political wonks call this GOTV (get out the vote). Ryan Greenwood is a Deputy Campaign Manager/Director of Organizing with Minnesotans Talking with Minnesotans, the organizing unit of Minnesotans United for All Families. His job is to oversee the campaign's GOTV efforts.

What should everyone know about GOTV?

GOTV is not just about bringing in new supporters to the campaign. Yes, that is an important aspect; however, GOTV is equally about making sure that the people who support you actually vote! A significant part of our GOTV effort is to make sure we contact those people who have already told us that they are going to vote NO, but we feel might need an extra nudge to vote. That may sound counterintuitive. If they have already told us that they are going to vote no, why do we need to follow up? Well, in every election, there are groups of voters who support your campaign, but also need that an extra push to get to the polls.

Why is GOTV going to be so important for this election?

This election is going to be close. All the polls indicate this. In tight elections, it is crucial that our base is not only motivated, but voting. We cannot afford to let someone who would otherwise support us not vote because they do not know where their polling location is, or because they need a ride, or for whatever logistical reason there is that might keep them from voting. We especially need to make sure that our supporters do

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Voter ID Sounds Simple, But It Isn't

WHEN THE Voter ID amendment was first introduced earlier this year, most people thought this issue was a no brainer. A recent poll suggests otherwise.

A recent Star Tribune Minnesota Poll reports that 52% of Minnesotans support Voter ID, down from 80% who supported the amendment several months ago.

Why the huge drop in support? I think it's because Minnesotans are beginning to learn more about the weighty implications of this amendment.

At Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, we have studied this issue and with support of our Board of Directors have taken a stand to oppose the Voter ID amendment. We believe that all people should have the opportunity to be full members of our community including participating in our democracy and having the fundamental right to vote.

This amendment is particularly troubling to us because it would add significant barriers to voting for neighbors we serve all across Minnesota. That includes older Minnesotans who don't have a valid photo ID because they don't drive anymore. If the Voter ID amendment passes in November, they would have to make special arrangements to get a photo ID to vote in future elections or cast a provisional ballot, which requires a cumbersome two-step process.

It's also true that some people with disabilities who grew up in institutions and now live in the community may not have a birth certificate to verify their identities. With Voter ID, their families or people who know them well can no longer vouch for them at the polls.

And what about people who have lost their homes in the foreclosure crisis and are living in temporary housing? How do they get a valid photo ID?

Creators of the amendment are now saying they will fix these problems later in legislative rule-making. If they already know what the rules will be, they should tell us before we vote on the amendment in November.

I have had some people ask me: "Do you support voter fraud?" Of course not! We have seen virtually no evidence of voter fraud in Minnesota. Minnesota's voter system has been tested with two high profile voter recounts in recent years and the overwhelming result has been a robust and clean election system. Changing the current system would cost Minnesota taxpayers millions of dollars that could be spent in far better ways to solve problems we actually do have.

If you haven't already, please take time to learn more about the Voter ID amendment and what it will truly mean to our voters in Minnesota. Analysis by the Office of the Secretary of State indicates that over 200,000 registered voters do not have valid photo identification. If even one of those registered voters is turned away at the polls, it is one too many. □

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Book Review: American Ecstasy by Barbara Nitke

TIME: SOMETIME in the 1980s. Place: New York City (actually Queens). You are on a movie set at Adventure Studios, watching the filming of *The Devil in Miss Jones, Part II.* Next to you is the staff photographer, Barbara Nitke, who is shooting the still photographs that will be used to publicize the movie once it gets into theaters. But those aren't the only photos that Nitke is shooting.

This is the world and the time to which Nitke's new book, *American Ecstasy,* transports you. During most of the 1980s and into the 1990s, Nitke was staff photographer for a series of porn movies. This time period represented a closing of the golden age of porn, when movies were still scripted, still shot on 35mm film and still shown in theaters—and when the porn industry was still based in New York. Videotape instead of film, home VCRs instead of theaters, and the industry's move to California were all still in the future.

In addition to the publicity stills the producers wanted, Nitke also captured unguarded, candid, revealing images of the actors and staff, a selection of which are included in this book. Nitke also includes memoir text that complements the photos, both in her own words and in the words of the actors and staff in the photos. Together, words and photos paint a vivid portrait of the era and the setting.

At turns ironic, humorous, sad, and touching, Nitke captures the disconnect between the glossy atmosphere of sexual fantasy the films were portraying and the more mundane reality—the actors and technical staff were workers doing their jobs, trying to earn money to pay for rent, groceries, medical school tuition or, all too often, that next gram of cocaine.

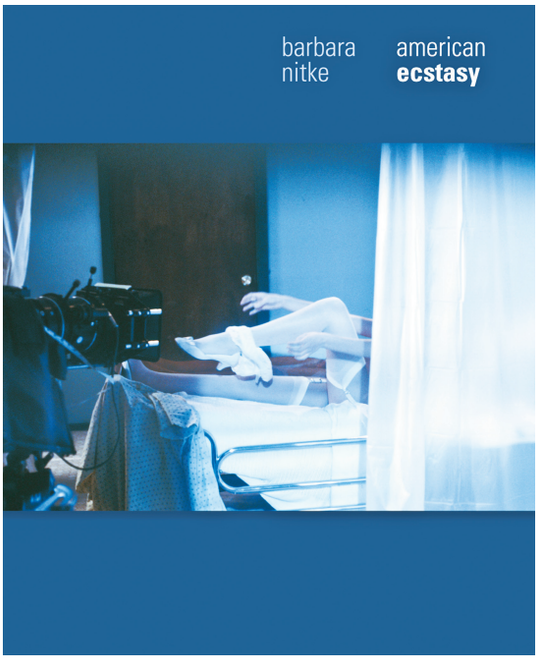
Nitke's writing makes you feel the sweltering heat of the studio, the desperation and frustration of a late-night shoot wherein the leading man cannot produce the film's required finale, or the crush of six people squeezed into the front seat of a Volkswagen van so they can film a couple having sex in the van's back. Woven throughout the book are humor, sadness, jealousy, boredom, innocence, naivete—all the messiness and the glory of the human condition.

The book is X-rated, like the films it documents, and features soft, artful photos of young and beautiful people in various stages of undress and sometimes involved in hardcore sex scenarios. But the book is much more complex and multi-layered than these films ever were. In her photographs, her words and the words of the people in the photos, Nitke brilliantly captures glimpses of the souls and the humanity of the actors in the films and of the technical people on the set. This is a humanity the producers of these films were not at all interested in capturing, because they knew stories about humanity were not what the films' intended and eventual audiences were interested in seeing.

American Ecstasy opens with an essay by Arthur C. Danto, who was one of the expert witnesses in *Nitke v. Ashcroft* (later *Nitke v. Gonzales*), a lawsuit in which Nitke, along with co-plaintiff the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, sued U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and the United States of America in 2001. The goal of the suit was to overturn the 1996 Communications Decency Act, which many felt was unconstitutional. The suit was taken all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court before, in 2006, it was lost and the law upheld. (Nitke discussed the suit in her opening keynote speech at Leather Leadership Conference XI in Minneapolis in 2007.)

Getting *American Ecstasy* published has been a long road for Nitke. She first started looking for a publisher in 1985, but a succession of literary agents failed to find a publishing house willing to take the risk of publishing the book. Finally, Nitke has self-published the book with the help of funding provided by the crowdsourcing venture-capital website Kickstarter.com. (Full disclosure: Your humble columnist is one of 407 enthusiastic Kickstarter supporters of this project.) Nitke is also the author of *Kiss of Fire,* published in 2007, in which she photographed couples engaged in BDSM scenes.

The finished *American Ecstasy* book is beautifully designed, masterfully printed and luxuriously bound—a fitting container for the words and images inside. Excerpts from the book can be viewed (and the book can be purchased) at AmericanEcstasyBook.com, but be forewarned: seeing the material in a browser on a computer screen did not prepare me for the amazing impact of looking at the same photographs and text in the actual printed book. □





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RAM 1500 TRADESMAN

UM, WAIT, why is there a pickup truck appearing in *Lavender* this week?

For starters, pickup trucks represent one of the biggest market segments in the automotive industry. Every month, an estimated average of 130,000 pickup trucks are sold in the U.S.A. This combined figure covers all sizes of pickups sold across five brands—all of them built in the NAFTA zone.

There is a problem, however. We often stereotype the typical truck owner. We think that pickup trucks are the domain of everyone else other than members of our community. This is absolutely not true. There are plenty of GLBT pickup truck owners using their vehicles for both personal and commercial purposes.

Again, we stereotype even our own people when they drive a truck. Without recognizing these stereotypes, it prevents us from understanding why one buys a pickup truck in the first place.

I could go on about demystifying the pickup truck for all of us, but I fear that I might miss a point or several. Instead, I will focus on one of the logical reasons one of us would buy a truck.

Among the diverse members of our community are business owners. We are contractors, subcontractors, landscapers, farmers, and so forth. If you own a truck for your business, you are often conflicted as to what to buy. Do you get the popular trucks with high load capacity, high cab interior content, and enough chrome to stand out in a crowd? Or, could you get away with a basic, no-frills truck that would yield a fair depreciation value over the length of ownership?

Considering that a pickup truck could be a business proposition in itself, there are plenty of options to choose from. One such option offers the power one needs for load carrying and trailer towing, while providing enough comfort to live and work in.

Enter this Ram 1500.

What is a Ram exactly? In 2009, Fiat was restructuring Chrysler towards a brand-driven management model. Trucks and commercial vehicles were primarily sold as Dodges until it was split to create a new brand—Ram. The cornerstone of the Ram truck business is the pickup, accounting for a huge chunk of sales for the brand. All told, Ram trucks usually garner the most sales of all Chrysler vehicles (including Heavy Duty and Cab-and-Chassis models) averaging 22,500 units delivered per month.

This Ram is actually something special—due to its name. Decades ago, Chrysler sold a van that changed the way American vans were built—the Dodge Tradesman. The Tradesman was a repairman's friend—from plumbers to television technicians. They were simply easy to drive and loaded full of volume for tools, parts, and the lunch box.

Ram decided to bring back the name as a trim level for their pickup trucks, which does not seem too odd these days. Instead of repairing televisions, today's Tradesman drivers work on road projects, home building and renovations, farming, and other related occupations.

What makes this Ram worth considering as a truck for your business?

For starters, the Ram 1500 is the best looking full-sized pickup truck in this market in my humble opinion. The Ram's design language can be traced back to the 1990s when Chrysler introduced a Dodge Ram pickup that emulated a heavy-duty tractor-trailer style with a big grille and lower fenders capped with the headlamp units. The latest Ram is an outgrowth of that design—still announcing its arrival at work with the big grille up front. Modern Rams still do it for me, unlike the competition.

The Tradesman may not have the acres

of chrome seen in the average pickup of today. The plastic black grille, black finish on the bumpers and mirrors along with a lack of side trimming denotes a commercial application rather than a private one. Sporty rims are a dead giveaway to style for contractors wanting to use this in town.

You can get the Tradesman in only four configurations for the 1500: a Regular Cab with either a 6-foot-4-inch bed or an 8-foot bed, a Quad Cab with a 6-foot-4-inch bed, or a Crew Cab with a 5-foot-7-inch bed. This model is the Regular Cab/Short Bed model, which may seem small on the outside for a truck. This configuration actually works in some ways—especially when you run a business that does not require hauling a lot of equipment or materials around.

The Tradesman's bed comes with two side compartments to balance out smaller parts of the load. The Ram Box was developed to replace a large toolbox normally installed at the nose of the bed. These two compartments are lockable to protect anyone looking at taking your power equipment or hand tools you might need for the job. Inside the bed are two rails with locking tie-down anchors to ensure more precise cargo management. For longer loads, you could put up the bed extender guard. Once you put down the lockable tailgate, you set up this heavy plastic guard to either manage heavier equipment or materials.

The Regular Cab seats three inside when the center compartment is folded up. Ideally, this is a two-seater, since the driver would most likely use the center armrest and storage bin for work-related materials. It fits a 14″ laptop with room for a cord or two. Seats are made of a durable cloth material with two-tone black/tan woven inserts. They offer a lot of room with some bolstering, but could wind up being uncomfortable after a while behind the wheel. Only two adjustments are available on the driver's and passenger seat— rake and recline.

Rams are known for having the best interior in the pickup truck market. Even in this basic cabin, the quality of materials is high and durable. Switches are also of high quality and very familiar for Chrysler drivers and owners. Because this is a work truck, do not expect a slew of luxuries we come to know from our other vehicles. There are no power windows, remote mirror adjustments, central locking, push-button ignition, and power seat adjustments on here. You do not even get carpeting under your feet. Why do you need all of that when you are mainly working in dirt, mud, and snow?

There are a few "nice" things inside the Tradesman's cabin; for example, the audio system is the familiar AM/FM/Sirius satellite radio with an auxiliary jack port. The rear view mirror is the self-dimming kind. You might also think that the instrumentation came out of one of the more luxurious models in the Ram lineup. In all, it is a great cabin for a work truck.

At this point, it is safe to explain that one must use a different lens to evaluate a truck as opposed to a car, SUV/crossover, or minivan. Trucks use different measuring sticks to gauge engine performance, ride quality, and vehicle handling.

When shopping for a Ram 1500, it would be a mistake to pass up the HEMI 5.7litre V8 and six-speed automatic transmission combination. No matter the cabin trim level, cab or bed configuration, the HEMI is the best engine to get. With 390 horsepower and 407-pound-feet of torque on tap, it has a strong enough power band to do anything you ask it to. Towing a trailer? No problem. Doing your weekly run to the home improvement center? Piece of cake! Moving sod to a landscaping job? Your accountant will love you!

It also helps to have a four-wheel-drive system that is easy to use. This is an absolute must in the Upper Midwest.

In this particular Ram 1500 Tradesman—the one with the regular cab and short bed—the HEMI shows off another side of its personality. Chrysler enthusiasts know the power of a HEMI—the robust power band and the massive response from the throttle. Put the HEMI into a truck with a lower GVWR and a shorter chassis, and it becomes a sport truck. A "wolf in sheep's clothing," if you would—except this wolf is a Ram. Would that make it a "wolf in Ram's clothing?"

Though it may have a high performance drive line, the suspension set-up is not amenable for getting a bit loose on the tarmac. The Ram has one of the softest and most compliant suspensions in the full-sized truck world. There is plenty of feedback from the road, especially with the four-wheel drive system with an empty bed. You do bounce when road imperfections are thrown at you.

It is when you start loading up the bed is where ride quality comes into play. The rear suspension compensates for higher payloads, but this Tradesman is capped at 1,417 pounds. The more you fill towards the limit, the better the ride will be. If you are looking for a more compliant work truck with a better ride to balance out loads and better towing control, get a longer wheelbase model—either a regular cab with the eight-foot bed or at least the Quad Cab with the six-foot-four-inch bed. You can pull 8,900 pounds of trailer and load behind you with this Tradesman.

One thing that would surprise you on the Ram 1500 is the quick steering action. It is one of the sharpest turning reactions in the business. Even though it is a short pickup, sharp turns are easy to do. This helps tremendously when towing a trailer. If you are positioning a trailer, you can correct your approaches easily and exactly. Brakes are strong, but would require some earlier reaction to ensure a full stop. However, panic braking is very good as the system reacts quickly to the pedal. Panic stops were downward and direct, but they do take a longer distance to come to a full stop than regular automobiles. For a non-truck person, this may be discerning.

The only thing that would challenge your balance sheet is the fuel economy with the HEMI. Overall fuel consumption came to an average of 14.4MPG—expected from a powerful V8. If you do the math, you may want to play with your vehicle budget to compensate for low fuel efficiency from the HEMI in terms of your fuel costs.

Another shock would be the price you pay for a Ram 1500 Tradesman. You can get one at just over $30,000 for the regular cab/six-foot-four-inch bed as equipped in this review. You could go less if you choose to just have a two-wheel drive model with the standard 4.7litre V8. Truck buyers will tell you to stick with the HEMI over the older, smaller, and less powerful engine.

A work truck is an important business proposition for a sole proprietor or small business needing such a vehicle. The cost involved in ensuring proper operation of your work truck may seem high, but a good budget and depreciation schedule would balance out the initial shock of purchase. Chrysler does offer programs to help at least leverage the cost of ownership, such as BusinessLink and On The Job purchase incentives.

After you absorb all of the shocks about this work-ready, high performance "wolf in sheep's clothing" pickup truck, you can now take your Ram 1500 Tradesman to maintain your client's lawns and gardens, renovate some of the rooms at their homes, and tackle even larger jobs. After all, you want to be successful in your HEMI-powered, Ram Boxed truck. □

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not get complacent and think that we already have enough votes. It may sound cliché, but every vote counts – especially when we are so close to defeating this amendment.

Come November 6th, how can people help you get out the NO vote?

If you can, take the day off on November 6th. Plan to vote first thing in the morning and then come and volunteer at an office near where you live. Definitely plan on volunteering the week before the campaign. There will be teams canvassing neighborhoods, calling voters, dropping off literature, and on Election Day serving as poll monitors. There will be plenty to do. Take the time now to schedule in your calendar when you are going to vote and then head to the website and sign up for a shift to volunteer during the week before Election Day.

Minnesotans United for All Families has had a great presence at events like Pride and the State Fair. What do you expect November 6th to look like?

What I would love to see on Election Day is the same atmosphere we created for Pride and the State Fair. Everywhere you turn on November 6th you should see a Vote No t-shirt, hoodie, lawn sign, bumper sticker, or wristband. The key difference is that everyone must also be wearing "I Voted" stickers. That would be pretty special to see!

How is the campaign mobilizing the different groups within its coalition?

There are teams working with particular constituencies, for example students, veterans, and faith communities. Each team is gearing up right now. For example, our student team has about sixty students organizing events around Minnesota now that school is back in session. Across Minnesota, we have targeted conversation drives that consist of seniors talking with seniors. Our faith team continues to grow its coalition as well as having thousands of conversations every week with Minnesotans about how their faith inspires them to Vote No. We also have groups such as Republicans Against the Amendment, our Latino group Minnesotanos Unidos para Todas las Familias, as well as Doctors United, Educators United, Farmers United, and Law Enforcement United. The full list of groups we have is on our website, www.mnunited.org. □



Complacency

ANTI-MARRIAGE amendment. Iowa. Learn from others' mistakes.

What do these words and phrases have in common?

A lot.

In early 2009, seven Iowa Supreme Court justices unanimously ruled that gay and lesbian people were entitled to marry. This history-making decision made me proud to be an Iowa lawyer. I cried when I read the court opinion.

The ruling allowed thousands of G's and L's to marry their partners. It also spurred a backlash by far right wing conservatives, headed by a man named Bob Vander Plaats. What resulted was a campaign to unseat every Supreme Court justice and replace them with people who purportedly represent Christian values.

Every six years, several Iowa Supreme Court justices are subject to votes on whether they should keep their jobs. Historically, this "retention vote" was perfunctory. In 150 years, no justice had ever not been "retained."

Three justices were subject to retention votes in 2010. Vander Plaats riled his base into successfully unseating all three. Suddenly, three of seven were out of work.

How did that happen?

Here's another word: *complacency.* No one in Iowa believed it was possible that a nutcase and his followers could actually fire Supreme Court justices.

Not that I'm particularly astute, but I saw this coming. In September, 2010, I penned a column for an Iowa GLBT monthly in which I urged mass mobilization against the anti-retention effort. I wrote to the Iowa State Bar Association and told it to get organized.

The ensuing opposition to Vander Plaats and his cohorts was minimal, almost non-existent.

This fall, another gay marriage justice is up for retention. Once again, Vander Plaats is working to fire the justice. This time, the Bar Association is taking him seriously and putting on the full court press, with a splashy PR campaign in support of the justice and the entire Iowa judiciary.

In other words, they learned from their mistake. Hopefully, the Supreme Court justice will keep his job.

As everyone knows, GLBT Minnesotans and their allies face the Goliath of all challenges with the anti-marriage amendment. Millions of dollars are pouring into the state to rail against same sex marriage. The Catholic Church even requires parishioners to read pledges in support of the anti-marriage amendment at Sunday mass.

Unless we work, and I mean *really work*, to defeat the amendment, things here will turn out like they did in Iowa. The people who hate us will win and smugly believe they are the chosen ones. Decent people, GLBT and straight, will lose. Employers will lose. Everyone—even the haters—will lose in the end.

That's the irony, of course.

Yes, the near constant phone calls and hit-ups for money by Minnesotans United can get tiring. All of us have donor fatigue. Sometimes it seems that every car has a *Vote No* bumper sticker, lending to the impression that maybe it's not necessary to go the extra mile to defeat the amendment.

Let me offer one perspective: it's much easier to hate than it is to love. The haters will mobilize their base much more easily that we'll mobilize our base of lovers. Minnesotans United understands this. That's why they won't leave us alone.

Thank God—or whomever you prefer—for that.

Here's my challenge to you: in the next two and a half weeks find someone—a relative, a neighbor, a co-worker, I don't care—who isn't likely to vote our way. Make the time to sit with that person and do something that's in incredibly short supply: talk. Tell this person what it means to love someone regardless of their gender. Talk about how you want the ability to express that love in a way that everyone understands—with marriage. Remind them that you're not seeking to take anything away from what this person already has.

Most of all, explain that you're human, just like them. *Why would anyone vote against something so human as marriage?*

If you do this one thing, you'll have acted; the opposite of complacency.

I'd like to think Minnesotans are smarter than Iowans. At least that's what I've repeatedly heard in the two and a half years since I moved here.

Let's use those Minnesota smarts. Only we, as a community, can take care of this issue. Only we, as GLBT people and their allies, can appreciate the significance.

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As I watch, always with a large cocktail in my hand because their nonsense is impossible to stomach while sober, I dream about creating a Real Lesbian Housewives of (fill in name of city here).

Now before my gay boy readers cry "boring!" and before I shake my head sadly and agree, "yes, it would be terribly dull," let's create a cast of characters who might make a lesbian housewife show worth watching while drunk.

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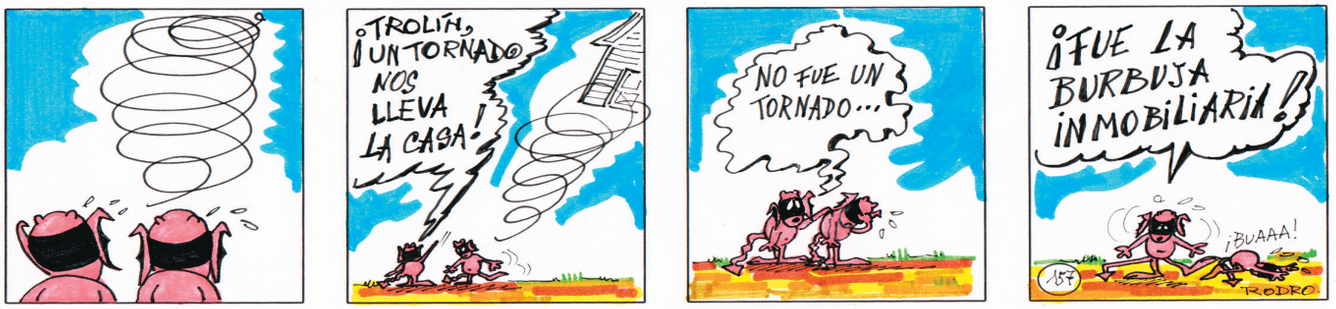
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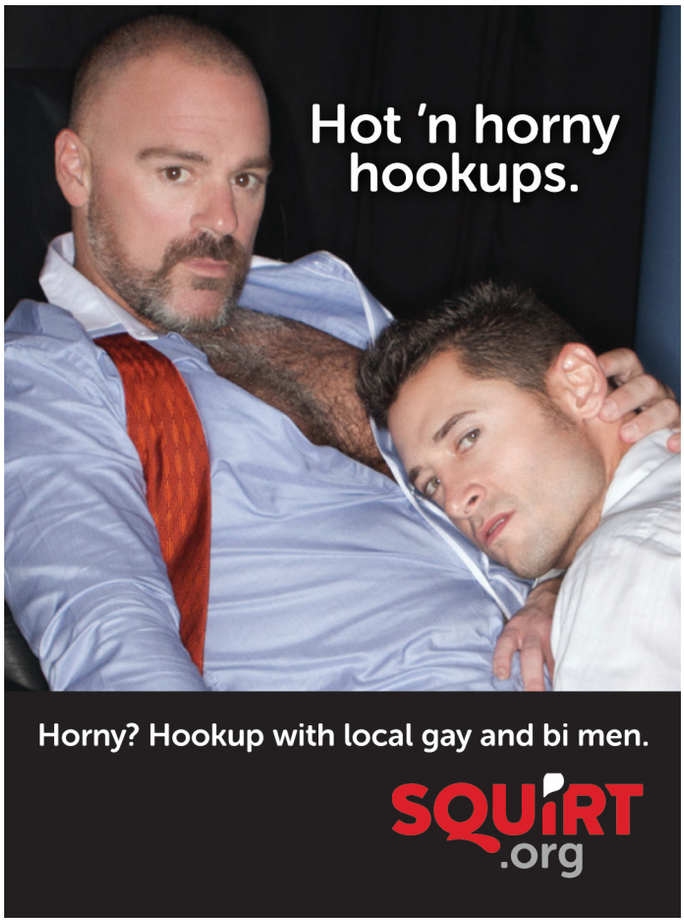
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Once There was a Dandelion

SHE TWIRLS in her living room, a little girl nearing six, staring up at her ceiling fan, trying to keep her spin at its pace. She feels a wonderful sense of play, an illusory sobriety, until her body says "no more," and she falls to the floor. Dizzy and hungover, she'll stand and she'll stumble, and laugh because her vision won't straighten. The funny feeling in her stomach will soon subside, and she'll spin again and again, and faster and faster, until she makes the blades of the ceiling fan look like they're standing still.

She'll hear her mother scream "Who the hell is she?!" at her father.

"I swear to God I didn't do anything!" he'll respond.

"That stupid bitch! You slept with her. I can't fu–" and Mom will stop to lower her volume, but her voice will be in earshot. "I want a divorce," she'll say.

Mom and Dad will scream as they always have. And still our little girl will twirl, thinking of nothing in particular except how, maybe, to catch her fan.

She stands out in school, but in no totally abnormal way: She's too fat. Too boyish. Too quiet. Her classmates ridicule her because she can't stay in the lines when she colors, because she dresses in cheap clothes, because her crayons are so dull that their tips are flat and their Crayola wrapping paper must go.

Friends for her are few, and her birthday parties are barren. She has a stocking at Christmastime stocked with fruit, but the produce stickers are always left on the apples and oranges, and she knows that Santa isn't real.

Ms. Jenkins, the Guidance Counselor, will tell her that she isn't "poor," as the bullies say: "And you aren't fat, either. And you aren't a boy. You are YOU! And you're pretty awesome to me."

When she's at home and allowed outside, she'll walk around the her apartment, looking for ladybugs, and picking flowers for Ms. Jenkins for the next time she sees her—flowers that Mom will throw away because, "Those aren't flowers, honey. They're weeds."

"They look like flowers to me," she'll say. "See, this one here's got purply things on it. And this one is yellow and smells pretty. And this one—oh, this one—this one you you must be very careful with. Or else all those white feathers will blow away."

"That's a dandelion," Mom will say as she grabs the flowers and throws them out. Upset but resilient, our little girl will go to her too-hot living room to twirl and to play.

There's something here, spinning under this ceiling fan. To many, it's nothing at all special: It stands out only in that it's so absolutely ordinary, so plain and so average, so bland, that people note it only with mild pity: it's exactly halfway between a noteworthy tale in poverty and negligence and a tale of excitement and "potential."

She won't go to bed hungry. She won't worry with having a bed to sleep in or whether she'll have enough money to buy lunch the next day. She'll make it to school tomorrow morning and every morning thereafter, and she'll see a doctor when she is sick. But, as it is, she'll never take a dance class or perform a recital. She won't have the pink bedroom and the canopy bed she so craves. She'll miss vacations to Disney World and what it's like to fly on a plane.

It's nothing all that bad (relative to the stories of too many others), but opportunities for her will arrive only when she exhibits its marvelous talent in some art or on some field, or when she shows exemplary intelligence or breathtaking creativity. Her future will otherwise depend on her luck, and on her means.

To so many, she is no one to lose sleep over. She will be OK. But to her, she will persist no matter how often she is cut down or weeded out. She will persist, a dandelion in twirl. □



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